

# ROUTE TO EDISON'S GENIUS

### National Electric Light Association's Plan to Honor Inventor.

### ONE DAY SET APART FOR HIM.

Industry to Be Represented at Convention in St. Louis Involves an Investment of More Than \$6,000,000,000. Most Costly Exhibit to Be Shown.

To the master genius of the electrical world the electrical interests of the United States will pay homage during the week of May 23, when Edison day will be celebrated in St. Louis.

Representatives of a business which represents over \$6,000,000,000 investment will be gathered in St. Louis from all over the United States to attend the twenty-fifth annual convention of the National Electric Light Association, and one day will be set aside in honor of Thomas A. Edison.

In connection with the convention in St. Louis there will be a costly exhibit at the Coliseum hall, designed to show the advance of the last thirty years along lines opened by the inventors, and this exhibition will prove that the greatest proportion of the work of progress in the electrical field is directly traceable to the intellect of Edison.

#### Some Figures on the Industry.

According to Frank W. Frueauff of New York, who is president of the association, there are now about 6,000 central electric lighting stations in the United States. Of this number over 3,000 of the companies engaged in central station work are also in the electrical supply business; a business that twenty-five or thirty years ago could have been enumerated in two figures.

The central station companies of the United States have an investment of \$1,250,000,000, according to Frueauff. They have a gross income of upward of \$250,000,000 a year, and they develop somewhere between 2,000,000 horse power and 2,500,000 horse power. There is a track mileage of electric and interurban railways of 40,247 miles, using \$2,216 cars and representing capital liabilities of \$4,557,000,000.

#### Credit to Central West.

"The central west must be given credit for the first commercial incandescent lighting distribution system," declares President Frueauff. "Appleton, Wis., is the place. In 1882 a central station for incandescent lighting was put in operation in New York, but about the same time there was a small plant started at Appleton. It was small and could be easily operated, and for that reason it is likely that the Appleton plant started before the New York plant, which was located on Pearl street just south of Fulton street. Soon after these plants opened for business there were plants established in London for exhibition purposes and in Santiago, Chile, and Milan, Italy.

"Frank Sprague made the first serious effort at electric railway work in the United States in 1888, when he started his electric road at Richmond, Va. That same year the first central station was established in Chicago. Edison had built and experimented with a little electric road at Menlo Park, but Sprague's line was the first for commercial purposes. Stephen D. Field had also done some work in connection with electric railways prior to the Richmond road.

#### Enter the Incandescent.

"Elihu Thompson, Mr. Brush of Cleveland, Professor Houston and a few others were engaged in the series arc lighting business back in 1879, but that was the only electric light service that the United States knew anything about, although in 1878 Edison's experiments with an incandescent lighting problem were first discussed in the newspapers. That talk brought about an extraordinary fall in the price of gas shares.

"Edison made his first demonstration at Menlo Park of his paper carbon lamp a year later, but not until the summer of 1880 did these experimental lamps find their way outside of his laboratory. In 1881 the newspapers were arguing the question as to whether the great inventor had succeeded in subdividing the electric light or whether he was simply talking.

"The alternating system came into general use about 1886, and prior to that time Edison's three wire system was introduced, and the amount of copper necessary for the direct current system was cut down about 60 per cent, lending a great impetus to the electric lighting business. Then establishments for the sale of apparatus commenced to appear over the United States. However, thirty years ago the only material in the electrical supply line sold was for telegraphic and house bell work. Today the electrical supply business is of national importance.

"In 1879 the first miniature electric railway carrying passengers was put in operation by Siemens & Halske at the Berlin exposition. It was merely an exhibition plant, and not until two years later was a commercial road put in operation in Europe, a mile and a half affair outside of Berlin."

Frueauff believes that the exhibit at the St. Louis convention, showing the various periods of development in the electrical field, will be the most costly ever held in the United States.

#### FASTING FOR HEALTH.

Experience of Three Young Women in Garden City, N. Y.

After three days, during which they had only twenty glasses of water and the juice of two oranges and one lemon, the three Garden City (N. Y.) young women who started on Sunday night, May 8, on a seventeen day fast for their health and to cure indigestion, inaugurated a diet on Thursday, May 12, calling for one glass of milk every hour.

"I feel better than I have in a long time," said Mrs. Keith Trask as she filled glasses with milk for herself and Miss Anna Townsend and Miss Marlon McKellar, her companions in the fast. "The unusual treatment has benefited us greatly, and I expect that in six months we will have attained the re-

suits we expected when we started to fast."

All three are slender and rather small, but they say there has been no appreciable loss of weight. "And if there has been we will quickly make it up on our milk diet," Mrs. Trask said.

"The first day I was ravenously hungry, the next much less so, and today (Thursday) I have no craving for food. I sat by my husband while he had his breakfast, but it was no temptation to me. Miss McKellar and Miss Townsend were at the table with their families at lunch, and they tell me that they didn't feel any hunger at the sight of the food.

"The first morning I was quite dizzy when I arose, but I drank a glass of water, and it passed away. On the third day I walked a mile and a half to Hempstead. We are trying to avoid excitement and any strain on the nerves. I have slept like a child—better than in years. Miss Townsend was a little restless the first night. Our chief guide is how things affect us. If they agree with us we continue; if not we stop. If the milk doesn't agree with us we will take up a diet of boiled rice and prunes.

"The way we came to do it is this: If you don't feel full of energy or ambition, if everything is an effort for you, the doctors do little to help you. I think these feelings come from the fact that the body is full of poisons. Give nature a rest and let it repair the trouble."

The young women say they will stick to their plan and that a number of their friends intend to do the same if the results are satisfactory to them.

#### Death of Mrs. D. H. Kilpatrick

On Monday, May 11, the people of West Hendersonville were called upon to mourn because of the death of Mrs. Daniel Kilpatrick, a woman of great personal worth. "Call her not dead, though you found her asleep, lying so restful, so silent and white. Say she has lain down the cross, but, oh, call her not dead."

She was born in Henderson county May 10, 1881; and was married to Mr. Kilpatrick October 4, 1903. With this marriage began one of the happiest married lives ever granted to two of God's servants.

Surely it can be truly said of her life she was a character in which the true, the beautiful and the good all shone as jewels, serving not only her Master but humanity as well, for wherever she learned of suffering, there she was found when her health would permit; and we feel she deserved the summons, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joys that await thee."

Of her home life, only those who were so fortunate as to share her hospitality and call her friend can know of the sweet and tender ties that held her so endeared to every member of her devoted family. Home to her was her kingdom, and she loved and lived to make it ideal,—woman's sweetest and noblest calling.

She joined Pleasant Hill Baptist church at the age of 13, and has been a consistent member. I can say I never knew a finer woman; she was a wise mother, a true and happy wife and a devoted christian. Just before she died she sang, "There will be light at the beautiful river," among stifled sobs and tearful eyes, which told of the aching hearts around her.

To the heart-broken husband whose prop and comfort seems to have passed away, and to the three loving little children, we would say "Look up, not down": The source of comfort is above. He Who made the eye, shall He not see. He Who made the ear shall He not hear? and He Who made the hearts of ours, shall He not feel with us?

She is gone. No longer shrinking from Winter's wind or lifting her calm pure forehead to the summer's kiss; no longer gazing with her bright and glorious eyes into the far off sky, no longer yearning with a heavy heart for Heaven; no longer toiling painfully along the path, upward, upward to the everlasting rock on which are based the walls of the city of the most High, no longer here; she is there gazing, seeing, knowing, loving as only the blessed One sees, knows and loves. Earth has one angel less, Heaven has one angel more, since her immortal spirit passed from earth to Heaven.

Mrs. John L. Redden  
May 18, 1910.

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Daniel Kilpatrick.  
May 18, 1910

#### Resolutions of Respect

On the 11th day of May, 1910 the allwise Creator saw fit to remove from our midst, the loving wife of brother D. H. Kilpatrick.

We the officers and members of Ocklawaha Lodge No. 161, I. O. O. F. Resolve 1st. To the sorrowing husband and family, we extend deepest sympathies, we mourn with you dear brother in this your great loss.

Resolve 2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, a copy be spread on the minutes and a copy be published in the papers.

A. O. Jones,  
J. F. Stepp,  
B. F. Hood.

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of George Holmes, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to file the same with the undersigned on or before the 27th day of April, 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

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