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EDISON'S GREAT SERVICE.

Has Helped to Make This Nation's Prosperity. James Creelman in Pearson's Magazine

Turning from the sweep and elitter of American prosperity to the men who have made it possible, one thinks of Thomas
Alva Edison. His is "the
houest life, the useful life, the
friendly life," that deserves
earnest attention in this astonish-

"We are groping on the verge of another great epoch in the world's history," he said to me not long ago. "It would not surprise me any morning to wake up and learn that some one, or some group, of the 300,000 scientific men who are investigating all over the earth has seized the secret of electricity by direct process, and begun another practical revolution of human affairs. It can be done. It will be done. I expect to see it before I die. I expect to see airships flying before my death. Such a discovery will make it possible to drive ships across the sea by electricity at a rate of 40 or 50 miles an hour—three days across the Atlantic from

shore to shore. shore to shore.

"I worked as a Western Union operator in Detroit, Memphis, Louisville and Boston," said Mr. Edison, "and" all the time I studied and experimented with electricity. The first serious thing I invented was an electrical machine to count water in conmachine to count votes in con-gress. I had been handling press reports, as an operator, and I noticed it took a long time to count the votes after each roll call. My machine would show the total vote a few seconds after the roll call. I thought the device was a good one and I think so now. But when I went to Washington and showed it to the chairman of the committee he said, 'Young man, that works all right; but it's the last thing on earth we want here. Fillibustering and a delay in the count of the vote are often the only means we have for defeat-ing bad legislation.' I was sorry; but I ought to have thought of that before. My next practical invention was the quadruplex telegraph. I started in to work it on the Atlantic and Pacific telegraph line between Rochester and New York. But there was a chump at the other end of the wire and the demon-stration ended in a fizzle. It was years before the quadruplex was adopted. ** Then I was adopted. * * Then I joined hands with a man named Callaban, and we got up several improved types of stock-tickers. These improvements were a success. When the day of settlement for my inventions approached I began to wonder how much money I would get. I was pretty raw and knew nothing about business, but I hoped that I might get \$5,000. I dreamed of what I could do with big money like that, of the tools and other things I could buy to work out inventions. But I and other things I could buy to work out inventions. But 1 knew Wall Street to be a pretty bad place, and had a general suspicion that a man was apt to get best out of his money there. So I tried to keep my hopes down; but the thought of \$5,000 kept rising in my mind.

"Well, one day I was sent for by the president of the of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company to talk

Telegraph Company to talk about a settlement for my improvements. He was Gen. Marshall Lefferts, colonel of the Seventh Regiment. I tell you, I was trembling all over with embarrassment, and when I got in his presence my vision of in his presence my vision of \$5,000 began to vanish. When he asked me how much I wanted I was afraid to speak, I feared that if I mentioned \$5,000 I

might get nothing at all. That was one of the most painful and exciting moments of my life.
My, how I beat my brains to
know what to say! Finally, I
said, 'Suppose you make me an

offer! "By that time I was scared. was more than scared. I was

". How would \$40,000 do?" asked General Lefferts.

"It was all I could do to keep my face straight and my knees from giving way. I was afraid he would hear my heart beat. With a great effort I said as calmly as I could, 'I guess that'll be all right,

"With that money I opened a new shop and worked out apparatus for the Western Union Telegraph Company. My automatic telegraph, which handled 1,000 words a minute between New York and Washington, was bought out by Jay Gould and the Western Com-pany. It is in litigation yet.

"Then the quadruplex was installed. I sold that to J. Gould and the Western Union Com-pany for \$30,000. The next invention was the mimeograph, a copying machine.

"When Bell got his telephone out the transmitter and receiver were one. Professor Orton of the Western Union Company asked me to do something to make the telephone a commer-cial success. I tackled it and got up the present transmitter. The Western Union Company eventually made millions of dollars out of it. I got \$100,000

"Looking over the whole country," said Mr. Edison, "I have come to the conclusion that the greatest factor in our progress has been the newspaper sta is much bigger than this country in every way. She has a tremendous population and immense natural resources. Yet she is 50 times slower. Why? Because she lacks the power of a free press. She cannot unite or harmonize her forces. But when we want to do anything in America the newspapers take it up. Everybody reads the newspapers, everybody knows the situation, and we all act together."

Winstag a Verdies.

Bir James Scatlett, the famous Biglish lawyer, held that verdicts could be
won without elegience, and he proved
it many a time in his own career. Eller
skill in turning a failure into a guesses
was wonderful. In a breach of primites,
onto the defendant, Southett's client,
was alleged to have been especial into
an engagement by the pictutiff's motion,
the was a witness in behalf of her
defighter and completely buffled Sturlett, who trees examined fee. But in
his argument he exhibited his tact by
this happy stroke of advocacy: "You
new, gentlemen of the jury, that I was
but a child in her hands. What must
my client have been?"

The "ent of the Olympiada," or the "Olympian era," began July 1, 2,\ C. Tril. An Olympiad was a pecied of four years, the games being calciumted every fourth year. When it was first proposed to use the Olympian era the earliest sensed that could be found even that of the victory of Chorostea, prior was the great foot mas long before horse racing and charies meing were introduced. His victory was taken as the starting point of the Olympiada.

"To be no longer eatls his pretty little bene "The Nutshell? Why did he change it?"
"He got theel of having passing tra-meries ring his bell to sek if the her-sel was it."

"Well, I'll die game, anyway," re-arked the sparrow as he was shot by intake for a reedbard.

TERRIBLE NEGRO SLAIN.

Mingo Armstrong, Pursues Mr. W. J. Whitener With a Shovel and Tries to Break Down the Door of His Home-Whitener Shoots Him Dead With a Shot

Mr. W. J. Whitener, formerly policeman at Clover, shot and killed a negro near Yorkville last Thursday morning. The Yorkville Ruquirer gives the following account of the affair: Mr. W. J. Whitener shot and killed Mingo Armstrong yester-

day morning. The killing occurred on the Glenn & Allison farm, four miles southeast of Yorkville, at about 8 o'clock'

instructed to assist in clearing away a pile of saw-dust, Mr.
Whitener looking after the proper prosecution of the work.

After working a little while, Armstrong, according to the testimony of his fellow-laborers at the coroner's inquest yester-day, picked up his shovel and began walking around the pile of saw-dust.

"Why don't you stop your foolishness, and go to work, Mingo?" asked Mr. Whitener. For reply Armstrong raised his shovel and started toward Mr. Whitener in a threatening manner. Being unarmed and with no weapon of any kind available, Mr. Whitener retreated. Armstrong followed with a quickening pace and Mr. White-ner continued to his house, forty

ner continued to his house, forty or fifty yards away, the negro following close behind trying to strike him with the shovel.

On reaching the house, Mr. Whitener jumped inside and shut the door. Armstrong attacked the door with his shovel, cutting out the wire screen and making over the parties.

gun, loaded it and walking out. He called to the negro to know what was the matter with him, a u d Armstrong bristling up again, with fury in his counten-ance, made another charge with his shovel.

"Stop," said Mr. Whitener, The negro was then within

fifteen feet. Instead of stopping, be raised his shovel high over his head as if to strike and Mr. Whitener fired.

At the report of the gun Arm-

Coroner Louthian went to the scene of the killing yesterday morning, empaneled a jury with Mr. Thad L. Carroll as foreman and held an inquest.

Several witnesses, including the two laborers, who were employed with Armstrong, and who saw the whole affair were examined, and their testimony was all the same, practically as

Mr. Whitener had already been committed to jail and was not at the inquest.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Mingo Armstrong came to his death from a shot fired from a gun in the hands of W. J. Whitener; that the said act of Mr. Whitener was committed in self-defense, and in

the opinion of the jury the kill-ing was justifiable homicide.

Armstrong was about fifty years of age and was well known as a farm laborer. He was regarded as being entirely responsible under normal con-ditions; but it was generally understood that when angry or un-der the influence of whisky, he

der the influence of whisky, he was a very dangerous man.

After giving himself up to the sheriff, Mr. Whitener secured the services of Thos. F. McDow, Bsq., and the understanding is that habeas corpus proceedings have already been instituted. It is not thought that there will be any trouble about securing Mr. Whitener's admission to ball.

High Point is to have a factory. It was brought to High Point from St. Louis through the the afforts of Rev. Mr. Lich-estein, a converted Jew.

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LINCOLN'S PERSONAL

Of That and His Dress Tradition Has Given Incorrect Ideas.

For many years it has been the fashion to call Mr. Lincoln homely. He was very tall and very thin. His eyes were deep sunken, his skin of a sallow pallor, his hair coarse, black and unruly. Yet he was neither ungraceful nor awkward nor ugly. His large features fitted his large frame, and his large hands and feet were but right on a body that measured 6 feet

inches. The killing occurred on the Glenn & Allison farm, four miles southeast of Yorkville, at about 8 o'clock'
Armstrong was a laborer and Mr. Whitener is superintendent of the farm.

Together with two other negroes, Will Dickson and Will McConnell, Armstrong had been instructed to assist in clearing away a pile of saw-dust, Mr. Whitener looking after the proper prosecution of the work.

His was a sad and thoughtful face, and from boyhood he had carried a load of care. It is small wonder that when alone or absorbed in thought the face should take on deep lines, the eyes appear as if seeing something beyond the vision of other men, and the shoulders stoop, as though they, too, were bearing a weight. But in a moment all would be changed. The deep eyes would flash, or twinkle merrily with humor, or look out from His was a sad and thoughtful rily with humor, or look out from under overhanging brows as they did upon the Pive Points in

kindliest gentleness.
So, too, in public speaking.
When his tall body arose to its
full height, with the head thrown
back and his face fransfigured
with the fire and earnestness of
his thought, he would answer
Douglas in the high, clear tenor
that came to him in the heat of
debate, carrylog his ideas so far that came to him in the heat of debate, carrylog his ideas so far out over listening crowds. And later, during the years of war, when he pronounced with noble gravity the words of his fameus addresses, not one in the thougs that heard him could truly say that he was other than a haad-

It has been the fashion, too, to say that he was slovenly and careless in his dress. This also is a mistake. He was no tailor's figure of a man, but from the first he clothed himself as well as his means allowed, and in the out the wire screen and making great gashes in the panels. Presently, as if realizing that he could not break the door down, the negro stepped out into the yard and stopped some distance away.

Having observed the negro's movements from within, Mr.

Having observed the negro's movements from within, Mr.

poor were scarcely better clad.
In Vanvalia the blue jeans he
wore was the dress of his companious as well, and later, from Springfield days on clear through his presidency, his costume was the usual suit of black broad-cloth, carefully made and scrupulously neat. He cared nothing for style. It did not matter to him whether the man with whom he talked wore a coat of the latest cut or owned no coat at all. It was the man inside at all. It was the man inside the coat that interested him.

In the same way he cared little charge took effect in his neck He ate most sparingly. He and he was instantly killed. was thankful that food was good Immediately after the killing.
Mr. Whitener notified the sheriff by telephone, came to Yorkville and gave himself up for commitment to jail.

was thankful that food was good and wholsome and enough for daily needs, but he could no more enter into the mood of the epicure, for whose palete it is a matter of importance whether he matter of importance whether he eats roast goose or golden pheasant, than he could have counted the grains of sand under the sea.

MAN EATING STURGEON.

Boy Swinneding In Allegheny Mives School by Bugo Plah.

Boy Swimming In Allegheny Mives Sected by Huge Plab.

A signatic stargeon created a panic the other afternoon among a crowd of boys who were swimming off Paterson's coal float in the Allegheny river at the Pittsburg and of the Sixth street bridge and nearly drowned one of them, says a Pittsburg special dispatch to the Now Yerk World.

When the fish came among the boys they streeted and swam for the landing. The fish tried to head them off, but all reached the bost in anfety except William Widerseim, a ten-year-oil lad. Before he could get out of the water the fish grabbed him by the right lag and was dragging him to the bottom when Jacob Miller, the watchman of the could feat, attracted by the cries of the hop, ran to the spot and pulled him abourd.

The fish clung on until it was dragged ballways out of the water. Miller

The fish clung on until it was drag-god balfway out of the water. Miller selend a baseball but lying on the fiest and best the fish over the bead until it was dead. It was only after life was extinct that its big teeth could be ox-tracted from the boy's leg. An Alle-ghony physician dressed the boy's wound.

round.

The fish measured almost six feet and weighed eighty-nine pounds.

West Wish the Print of Mand.
Callaway county farmers have offered \$100 reward for a large gray welf that killed many shoep duries the past winter, says a klexico correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Many attempts have been made to eatch the autual, and the amount of damage due to his depredations is estimated to be more than \$1,000.

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TO RIVER IN 12 MONTES.

So Says Mr. Lette of the Proposed Trolley Line to the Ca-tawha—City of Charlotte Grants

Charlotte Chronicle, 3d.

"We will start work on our line to the river within a year," said Mr. E. D. Latta, president of the 4C's, at the special meeting of the board of aldermen. The above statement is one which Charlotte and Mecklen. which Charlotte and Mecklenburg people have been waiting expectantly to hear for several years. It has been an unconfirmed rumor during this time that the 4C's would some day run their cars to the Catawba.

Work is now in progress on the new line to Chadwick and Lakeview Park, which, when completed will lessen the distance to the Catawba by over three miles. The survey from Chadwick to the Davidson place, the objective point on the river, will begin in a few weeks. An effort will be made to svoid public highways as much as possible, so that a fast service can be put on. The distance from Charlotte to the river, as the line will go, will be about 12 miles.

A MAMMOTH PARK.

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The 4C's own 1,040 acres of land on the banks of the Catawba. Everyone who has visited the place will testify that Mr. Latta was not exaggerating when he stated last night that the scenery is the finest east of the Blue Ridge. The place has a frontage of two miles on the river and 700 acres of it is a virgin forest—the largest unbroken forest in the section.

It is the present plan of the 4C's to make a mammoth park of the entire place. "Every opportunity will be taken to develop and make it more heantiful," said Mr. Latta. It is understood that in time an ammse-A MAMMOTH PARK.

derstood that in time an amuse-ment park—a Coney Island, or a White City—will be added and perhaps a large hotel built.

CONCESSIONS GRANTED. The primary purpose of Mr. The primary purpose of Mr. Latta's appearance before the city fathers last night was to ask that the board sanction the crossing of the Southern Railway tracks on South Mint and West Hill streets by his trolley lines and that it pass an ordinance embodying the same rules for the crossings now in force on South Tryon and North Breard streets, to the effect that on South Tryon and North Breard streets, to the effect that both trains and trolleys be required to come to a full stop at the crossing, all of which was granted by the aldermen.

Mr. Latta said that he had at

first hoped to cross the railroad at First street, instead of Mill, through a subway, but the railroad people had objected to that. Such a subway would cost from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
The petition was as follows:
"To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of

Gentlemen: In the extensive and important improvement now begun en route to Hoskin's Mill d with greater operations in atemplation west of the city, contemplation west of the city, it will be necessary for us to cross the Southern Railway with our double track system both at South Mint Street and West Hill street, and we ask that you pass an ordinance sanctioning our crossing at grade the said Southern Railway tracks at the two designated points and, with the desire to secure safety to the public and avoid accidents on the part of our respective compart of our respective com-panies, I suggest the same rules now in force under similar conditions at South Tryon street and North Brevard street. street and North Brevard street. We also ask to be allowed to lay third track on West Trade street for a distance of 120 feet exclusive of curves, to be used as a lay-over switch as indicated by the attached sketch. "Very respectfully, Charlotte Electric Light & Power Com-

pany. R. D. Larra, President." ORDINANCE ADOPTED.

After the petition was read.
City Attorney Hugh W. Harris
drew up the following ordinance,
which was unanimously adopted.
The ordinance is as follows:
"Be it ordained by the board
of aldermen of the city of Char-

lotte: "Section 1. That every rail-"Section 1. That every railroad company whose tracks
cross Mint and West Hill streets
in the city of Charlotte shall
cause all locomotives, trains and
cars, of every kind, running on
said tracks to come to a complete stop upon approaching
said streets and shall require a
flagman to go forward and give

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"Sec. 2. That every street railway company whose tracks shall bereafter cross the tracks of any railroad company on Mint and West Hill streets, as aforesaid, shall cause all cars and motors of every kind running on its said tracks to come to a complete stop on approaching said railroads and shall require its conductor or fisquan to go shead of the car or motor and give the forward signal before it shall be lawful to move such car or motor across said railroad tracks.

"Sec. 3. That every apent or

"Sec. 3. That every agent or employe of any milroad comcompany, who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subjected to a penalty of fifty dollars.

"Sec. 4. That this ordinance shall be in force from and after the 1st day of September, 1908.

The line as far as Chadwick will be double-tracked. From the street of the there on to the river it will be a there on to the river it will be a heavy single track. Spenial heavy vestibule cars will be put-chased for the line and they will be run in trains. "We will have as preity a park as there is in the South at the river," Mr. Latta told a reporter.

INSULT THEN A THRESHING

A Millionaire Mine Owner Liches by Society Londor's Pathor.

Denver, Ang. 1.—James K. Mullen, millionaire miller and mine owner, attempted a few nights ago to call a physician by telephone to attend a friend dangerously ill in his house. Mins Dines, daughter of Tyson S. Dines, a lawyer, equally proninest in business and society, was using the two-party line taileing to a man friend.

Mr. Mullen, after fretting for half an hour trying to get the line, told Miss Dines, it is alleged, that "no lady would hold the "phone that way."

The young society leader's father rushed to Mr. Mullen's house, fell upon the millionaire

house, fell upon the millio with a horsewhip and beat until dranged off. It is all that Mr. Dines also threat to shoot Mr. Mullen.

A warrant was sworn out to-day charging Mr. Dines with an assault with attempt to kill, and a civil suit for \$50,000 damages was begun by Mr. Mullen.

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the usual signal before crossing BRICK SHORTAGE AT CLOVES