

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

In a short time all the branch line railroads of Japan will be electrified.

Norway boasts of the first electric smelting plant in the world to produce pig iron.

The Sterling Electric Company of Sterling, Col., produces both ice and electricity.

Mexico is covered with a network of telegraph lines which are controlled by the government.

During the past year the Niagara Falls hydro-electric plant saved the equivalent of more than a million tons of coal.

A submarine telephone is to be laid across the English Channel to afford better communication between London and Paris.

Improvements to the various plants of the General Electric Company will amount to several hundred thousand dollars during the current year.

It takes more than fifteen million miles of single wire for the people of this country to communicate with one another over the telephone and telegraph. Thirteen million miles of this wire are used for telephoning and the total length of all the wire would circle the earth at the equator six hundred times.

The new sixty-inch universal plate mill at the Gary plant will soon be in operation, contracts having been let to the General Electric Company for the driving motors for this and the twenty-six-inch axle mill. The plant mill motor will be the largest ever built, being capable of producing 6,000 horse-power.

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DALLAS 40—CHEMAWA 19.

On Thursday our basketball team went to Dallas and played the famous Dallas team. Early in the season this team defeated our boys by a score of 68 to 8, so with this defeat against us we decided that if we couldn't win we could at least hold them to a smaller score. In the first ten minutes of play we held the champions to a score of 8 to 4. The game was allowed to become rough and from this time on Dallas added to their score, the first half ending 23 to 10. In the second half Dallas secured 17 to 9, making the total 40 to 19. The referee was too easy and allowed the game to get beyond his control, which gave the heavier team the advantage in roughing it. Our team displayed as good team work, but when it comes to getting the ball in the net—the score speaks for itself.

Excelsior.

The members of the Excelsior Club held their meeting in their usual place on Thursday evening, Feb. 10. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and stood approved. Old business was called for, there being none. New business was called for and the question of a public debate was brought up. Our challenge being accepted by the Nonpareil Literary Society we elected our speakers who are as follows: Principal, M. Swanson; first colleague, J. Benjamin; second colleague, E. Morrigan; substitute, E. Anderson. After we elected our speakers we proceeded with the program. After our program was finished a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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