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AGE OF ELECTRICITY AND OUR WHITE COAL
About 1874, at an exhibition of electrical devices o Vienna, the wires from a crude dynamo were accidentally revolve-

And thus was unwittingly discovered the method of nsmitting electrical energy. That day the Age of Ele tricity began and as the years have gone by, its marvels have
increased. At Menlo Park, N. J., near the city of New York increased. At Menls Park, N. J., near the city of New York, the man who did most to make the commercial use of elec
tricity possible, still lives and labors. He has seen such in the world, because of his in Hers his work devising ways and means of creating and distributing electri current

It is fitting that the New York Edison company, abou to build a $\$ 50,000,000$ power station at Fourteenth street and East river, New York City, bears his name. This propose plant is to be capable of generating $1,000,000$ horse powe The ordinary man has ittle conceptin or of the perfection of power mach
electric current generating units.

For properly condensing the steam which the turbin engines of this new system will use 800,000 gallons of water a minute will be pumped from the East river. This is mor The coal which will be burned to make possible this powe development, would, were it to be carted through the street
of New York, require the use of a fleet of 500 large trucks It will not be delivered in that fashion, however, but by wate n hour.

Enough power will be generated by this station alone rovide $3,000,000$ six-room houses with all the electric ligh the Union, outside of New York, all the power it consumes.

Compare this $\$ 50,000,000$ investment with the expend
ure of a like sum in developing water powers in Oregon-sa ong the Deschutes river just over the Cascades from Salem Or in the Columbia river or any one of a half dozen other o its tributaries.
of the vast expenditures for coal would b the man power in attending to the vast waste in burning th coal and attending to the boilers and engines-

Compared with which kee
And then the water power would never consume itsel It would never pinch out, as coal measures must do, and grow scarce; for it could be used and used and used, and neve
diminish. this section, where we have available nearly half the poten tial water powers of the Uaited States; advantages that will bulk larger as the coal of the country and of the worl approaches exhaustion or by reason of growing more scarce
and more expensive to mine becomes a greater and eve reater item of expense.
This is the reason why our section, with its "white coal nd by reason, too, of having the bulk of the timber resource of the United States and of the world.
Mr . Edison recently said that electric power is the only
hing in the world that is growing cheaper and cheaper. It ill keep on grow. cheaper, as our water power develop ment proceeds, until the time will come when every other section of this country, in competition in manufacturing, will be at a greater and greater disadvantage as compared with and in all the processes of living, grows and grows, with new nventions.

This. will tell amazingly in the development of our fla and linen industries, in our sugar industry, and in a tho insan our favored section.

## GIVE THEM WORK

A job for everyone is a familiar slogan. Everyone for are so particular about that job that while decision is bein made the jobs go undone.

What about jobs for the prisoners in the county jail Vouldn't digging the plantain from the lawn around th low paying for their living. They are obtaining their food and shelter without the "sweat of their brow?"
$\qquad$ thy eved to maintain men in idleness. Nor is there any reaso why even those held for offenses against the communit

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pense is degradation of body, mind and soul
lans for working prisoners held for crimes are in they build and repair roads. In Oregon they work at severa occupations. In some counties they break rock and otherwise engage in profitable labor. At Kelly Butte, Multnomah, prisners make a handsome profit for the county. Clackama ounty has plans under way to
reaking rock for the conuty roads.

Marion county has about twenty-five whose activities ave placed them behind the bars. A sufficient guard could be maintained at small expense compared to the possible earnings of the men. Work is their greatest need-physical Enforced idleness in prison prepares oftimes fur further rime. It almost never reforms.
Preceding more permanent provisions for their employment why not have the men now in jail weed Marion
county's court house lawn? The prisoners, the lawn and the county's court house lawn? The pris
county would be the better thereby.

## EXEMPLAR OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

In the passing of Thomas R. Marshall there has gone out from American political life a character unique and out-
tanding. Governor of Indiana and vice president of th ation his service was unique as it was meritorious. Modes and methodical his work was accomplished with a quiet and ispatch which elicited the most favorable commen e. These unselfishiess characterized his political e. Th Presiden Whysical break of the administration when most men would have been laying lans for promotion from the second to the first office in the and Vice President Marshall gave increased devotion to the work and policies of his chief. He scorned the advantage presented to elevate his own fortunes. Th
to self aggrandizement or official position.

Marshall possessed poise and with it an exalted sense humor. His canaility and humor were oftimes safety valves intensity of feeling and action which threatens wise and intensity of feeling and action which threatens wise and
eliberate procedure. So informal were his accomplishment that then seldom elicit praise. But his life history pres
n exemplar of the high type of American citizenship.
Here's to the new members of the fish commission. Le
ope they will "pour oil on the usually turbulent waters" the fishing grounds.
The record of the last legislature appears to be wel

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