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WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?

Modern art and science gives universal use to what is termed electricity, and yet we are totally unable to positively say what electricity is. At the close of an able address at Bath, England, Mr. W. H. Preece, after summarizing all the great achievements in the electrical domain, said: "It seems incredible that, having utilized this great power of nature to such a wide and general extent, we should be still in a state of mental fog as to the answer to be given to the simple question, What is electricity? The engineer and the physicist are completely at variance on this point. The engineer regards electricity, like heat, light, and sound, as a definite form of energy, something that he can generate and destroy, something reservoirs in the mountain regions that he can play with and utilize, something that he can measure streams to store the surplus waters, and apply. The physicist-at 'east some physicists, for it is difficalt to find any two physicists that completely agree with each otherregard electricity as a peculiar form of matter permeating all upon the matter will be expended space as well as all substances. together with the luminiferous ether which it permeases like a jelly or a sponge. Conductors, according to this theory, are holeor pipes in this jelly, and electrical generators are pumps that transfer following Edland, regard the ether some, the disciples of Helmholtz, consider it as an integral constituent of nature, each molecule of matter having its own definite charge, which determines its attraction and its repulsion. All attempts to revive the Frankliniat, or material, theory of electricity have, however, to be so loaded theorizing that Oregon farmers are with contradictions that they con pletely fail to remove electricity facts of the case are that Oregon from the region of the mysterious. itself as an infinitely thin, highly directly interested in the developelastic medium filling all space, those undulatory motions that give | lumber at home. us light and radiant heat. The

motion, but which is itself moved. The practical man, with his eye end his mind trained by the stern realities of daily experience, on a scale vast compared with that of the little world of the laboratory, revolts from such wild hypotheses, such unnecessary and inconceivable conceptions, such a travesty of the beautiful simplicity of nature. He has a clear conception of electricity as something which has a distant objective existence, which he can manufacture and sell, and something which the unphilosophic and ordinary member of society, can buy and use. The physicist asserts dogmatically; 'Electricity may possibly be a form of matter-it is not a form of energy.' The engineer says distinctly: 'Electricity is a form of energy-it is not a form of matter; it obeys the two great developments of the present generation--the mechanical theory of heat and the doctrine of conservation of energy.' And stil' the liscussion and difference of opinion goes on without any solution to the question.

THE removal of Capt. N. S. Pierce, C. P. Holloway, G. N. Fawcett and W. W. Wetzeler from clerks, simp'v because they were republicans and G. A. R. men, which fact was brought to light in Portland last Saturday, shows the hollow mockery of the claims of civil service reform made by Mr. Clevelands administration, and also the fact that offensive partisanship means simply and only being a republican. It also shows exactly the feeling of the administra tion for old soldiers, and the hypocrisy of the claims that the welfare of soldiers was looked after in the least by the present administration. Each one of the removed postal clerks were old soldiers and efficient clerks.

MAJ. POWELL, of the United States engineer corps, favors the plan of building immense of the head waters of the large prevent the damaging annual overflow and save the water for the dry season. It is said that a portion of the \$100,000 appropriated by the government to experiment at El Paso, New Mexico, in constructing an immense dam on the head waters of the Rio Grande.

The democratic press have been claiming that Illinois was going democratic at the approaching electhis hypothetical matter from one tion. The facts of the case are place to another. Other physicists, that a thorough and systematic canvas has been made in that and electricity as identical, and state which has developed the fact that the state is republican by an increased plurality over four years ago, and will have 30,000 to 35,000 majority for Harrison.

FACTS and theories are often totally at variance. The democratic politicians are very anxiously with assumptions and so weighted unmercifully taxed because there is a tariff on lumber, while the farmers never paid a cent of tax in It is already extremely difficult to that direction for they do not use conceive the existence of the ether imported lumber; but they are ment of the home lumber interest, employed only as the vehicle of and in keeping the money paid for

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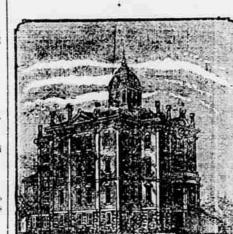
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