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GROWTH OF ELECTRICITY.

The wonderful growth of the science of electricity is a claim of this century. An eastern paper says that one advantage possessed by electricity over steam power, the importance of which is seldom duly considered, is made conspicuous by the action of the Columbian Exposition management in constructing and electric plant at Jackson Park sufficient to permit the doing away with steam engines within the grounds of the world's fair. The purpose is to reduce the risk of fire. It requires no very active imagination to see in this simple fact a fair promise of changes which will save a multitude of lives and a vast amount of property. Little or no doubt exists that the steam locomotive "must go," together with the car stove and the railway lamp. We shall see railway trains heated, lighted, and propelled by electricity which will be kept under such control that there will be no more horrors of fires added to the other awful features of railroad wrecks. Wounded passenger will not perish miserably while imprisoned in the debris of broken cars, and freight trains which come to grief will not burn the ties out and destroy the track while valuable merchandise is being reduced to ashes. Later more momentous changes may be brought about by the distribution of electric power, electric heat, and electric light to all parts of cities, including mills and factories from a very few great central reservoirs of electric energy, filled either by steam power, or, perhaps, by the force of the wind and the tides and waves of the sea. It need hardly be said that the result would be an immense decrease in the number of fires. It amounts to nothing that electricity in its present very limited uses causes many fires. The appliances now in vogue will be so much improved upon that the fire risk will be reduced to a minimum, and the danger to human life will also be made much less than it is now.

With the general substitution of electricity for steam power, heating apparatus in which fuel is burned, and gas and oil lights will come the solving of the smoke problem and a marked consequent improvement, no doubt, in the sanitary conditions of life in great centers of population, to say nothing of comfort and aesthetic considerations. Manufacturing cities in which bituminous coal is used would gain enormously in attractiveness and beauty by the concentration of their fuel consumption in a few immense power houses, where the very best smoke-consuming devices could be employed, and which might be located outside of the thickly populated districts. The subject is one of rare fascination for the imaginative mind. At present we can only catch glimpses of the coming wonders of the age that to be characterized by that mysterious form of energy of which we at present know so little and hope for so much. What has already been accomplished, however, is only a hint of the triumphs sure to be witnessed in the future, if the history of the great advances in the control and use of natural forces may be taken as a guide.

The improvement of harbors and the care of our shipping commerce are the most essential matters for the general government to look after. Very truthfully the Argonaut says "California, Oregon and Washington are essentially ocean-coast states, with a coast line equal to that of the states from Maine to Georgia upon the Atlantic. Since the establishment of the republic, the Atlantic States have had appropriations from the government aggregation more than \$200,000,000 for coast defenses, navy yards, improvement of harbors and rivers, light-houses, government buildings, and incidental purposes. Since the creation of California as a state in 1850, with Oregon and Washington as important coast extensions north-

warily, the total government appropriations for every purpose have not exceeded \$25,000,000. The rapid development of commerce has advanced this coast to a very important rank, with the prospect of equaling that of the Atlantic within the coming half century. The rich traffic of Asia and Australasia and the islands of the Pacific will surely flow mainly to this coast, and this commerce is growing beyond the calculation of the most sanguine." With this consideration of the subject should also come in that of the isthmus ship canal, as an essential adjunct.

The absurdity of the rumor from China in regard to the Charleston's designs upon the Sandwich Islands is apparent to all who investigate the subject in the least. The Chronicle says that the canards about American designs on Hawaii appear to be believed by the English in China as a Shanghai dispatch to the London Chronicle represents the mission of the cruiser Charleston to be the capture of Honolulu while on her way back to this country. It is difficult to account for such credulity except upon the theory that all Britons believed the United States will imitate their own government and seize any small power that may be left defenseless. If this course of action had had the greater part of the American continent by this time.

More inducements for the investment of outside capital, is needed in Albany. Not necessarily the offer of a big bonus, but the same advantages that are given to home capital. It will give more employment to home labor.

Everybody has at times failed to do their duty towards themselves. Hundreds of lady readers suffer from sick headache, nervousness, sleeplessness and female troubles. Let them follow the example of Mrs. H. Herbecker, Stevens Point, Wis., who for five years suffered greatly from Nervous Prostration and sleeplessness, tried physicians and different medicines without success. But one bottle of Dr. Miles' Nerve and Brain Tonic cured her. Sold by Standard & Cusick.

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