

ELECTRIC LIGHTING FIRMS EXPECT WAR OVER NEW SYSTEM

Stanis Method Promises Cheaper Supply by Saving in Cost of Insulation and Installation.

The possibility of the general adoption of a new method of interior wiring for electric lighting, known as the Stanis method...

Should the Stanis system receive the approval of the national electric bodies by means of its authorization in the wiring code...

The keynotes of the new system is simplicity. The current is transmitted through an ordinary insulated wire, encased in a thin coating of copper...

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Howard K. Mohr, also of the Philadelphia Electric Company, explained that the same objections were raised when the Tungsten lamps were first talked about.

"Less current consumed," he said, "and brighter lights, which would obtain if the new bulbs became adopted, it was believed at that time, would ruin the business. Look at it now. More electricity than ever is being used and more money being made all around."

WAR HITS WOO KNOCK TOPERS Devotees of Foo Knap, Etc., Also Must Pay Tax.

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MAYOR WILL AUTHORIZE FLOATING OF \$2,500,000

Executive Will Sign Loan Measure as Soon as Passed.

Mayor Blankenburg will take action within the next few days to authorize the floating of about \$2,500,000 of the \$3,000,000 municipal loan passed at the last election.

The Mayor will sign the measure as soon as it is placed before him, and he then may authorize the negotiation of any part of the total loan.

There is an item of \$800,000 in the loan for payment of mandamus. Councils have made no provision for their payment in the 1915 budget.

Early last May the 1914 mandamus fund was exhausted. Then \$335,000 of loan moneys was made available from the \$700,000 loan, but since last June the writs of mandamus have reached \$250,000, and are likely to total \$400,000 before the close of January.

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DAUGHTER OF SPEAKER OF HOUSE TO WED



The engagement of Miss Genevieve Clark to James M. Thomson, a newspaper publisher from New Orleans, has been announced.

"TOO BAD I'M NOT A BELGIAN." WROTE WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Too bad I am not a Belgian so that the Emergency Aid Committee would not turn me down. I would like to have the fountain pen put in my suitcase. Give my body to the University of Pennsylvania if they want it.

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JERSEY SWAIN'S FANCY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF WOOING

It has to, with the threat of a \$50 Fine Confronting Bachelors.

DYNAMITERS WRECK SALOON

Meat Market Also Demolished at Hymera, Indiana.

POSTOFFICE SAFE ROBBED

Thieves Got \$75 in Cash and \$250 in Stamps.

PRISONER AS PROSECUTOR

Woman Sentenced for Arson Suspect Fire Insurance Company.

FRENCH BRIG IN DISTRESS

Amadee Helpless and Steamship Mains Goes to Rescue.

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GUTIERREZ DESIGNS TO JOIN CARRANZA, WASHINGTON HEARS

Advices From Constitutional Agent at Galveston Tell of Accessions to "First Chief's" Cause.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Provisional President Gutierrez has resigned and has pledged his support to Carranza, according to advices to the Carranza agency here today from the Constitutional representative at Galveston.

The agency also had reports from the Carranza agent at Galveston, who is said to be surrounding that city.

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4 DIE WHEN WOMAN'S CRY OF FIRE IS CALLED "CRAZY"

Time Lost in Cambridge Home Laughing at Inmate's "False Alarm"

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 28.—Four aged women were burned to death in a fire which broke out in a Cambridge home last night. Three of the women were injured and three policemen were overcome by smoke, when flames, starting at midnight, swept the Cambridge City Home in Tannery street, North Cambridge.

CAROLS ADMIRABLY SUNG

Christmas Treat Enjoyed by Employees of Curtis Publishing Company.

The choir of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany and members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, rendered a concert of carols at the Curtis Building, before the employees of the Curtis Publishing Company at noon today.

The choir excited itself in all of the pieces. The rendition of "Silent Night, Holy Night," a bass solo by Mr. Willis, and the old carol, "Noel, Noel," by the choir and orchestra were truly beautiful.

EX-GOV. STUART 61 TODAY

Celebrates Anniversary by Working and Being Optimistic.

BRAIN WORK KILLS, SAYS SAVANT

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PELLAGRA HAS VICTIM HERE

Railroad Watchman, 55 Years Old, Dies of Rare Disease.

GIRL TERRIBLY SCALDED

Falls Into Tub of Hot Water While Playing With Ball.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WILL PROBE JOHN D.'S PLAN

\$100,000,000 Endowment of Rockefeller Foundation to Be Investigated

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Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Philadelphia, New York, and others.