

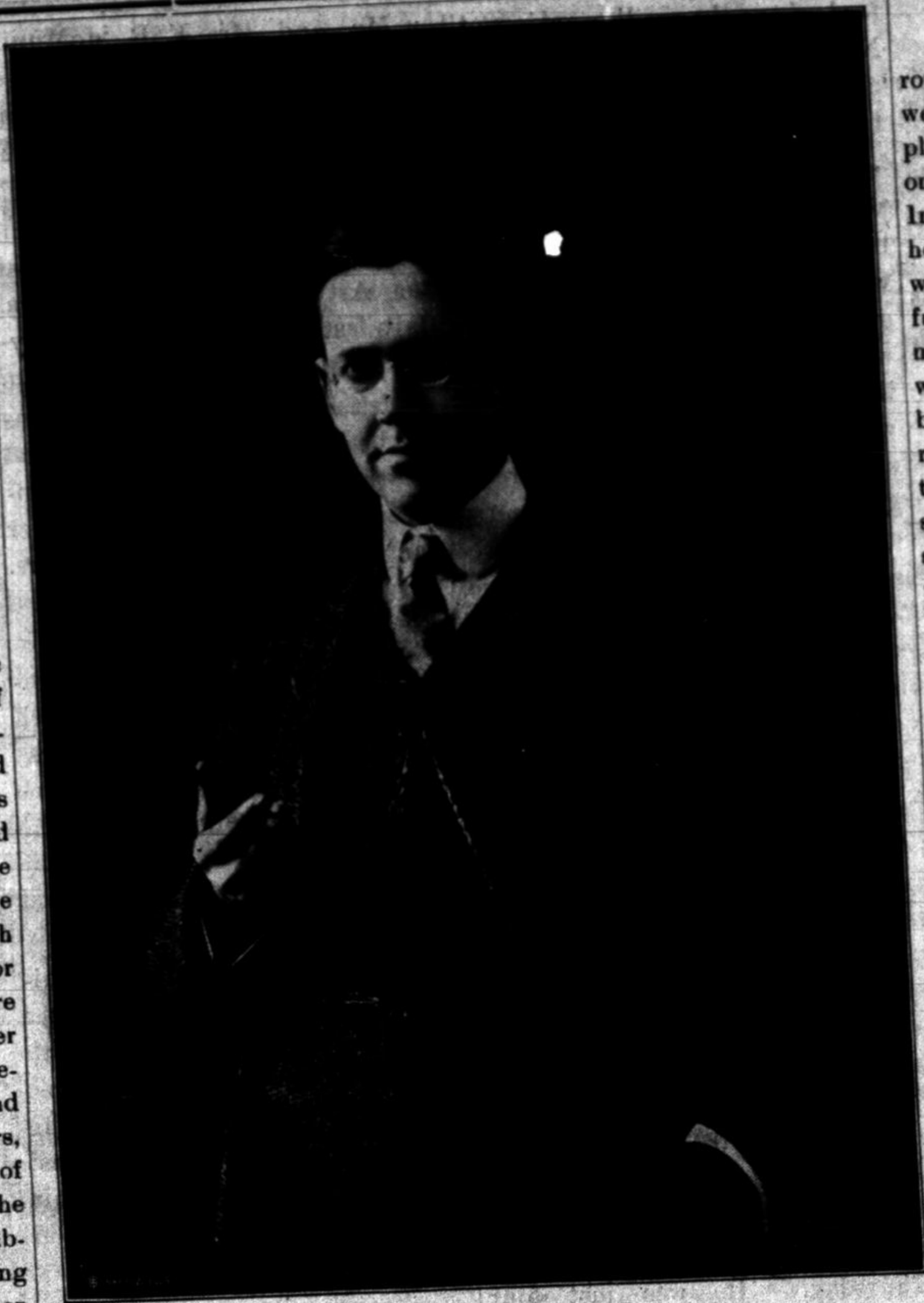
A YOUNG ELECTRICIAN.

That the spirit of the late Professor Elisha Gray still lives to inspire young minds is evidenced in the interesting workshop of Carl Pfanstiehl, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Pfanstiehl. This talented young man, who is still in his first year at high school and has not as yet studied the sciences with the aid of a teacher, is a positive wonder. Indeed, he is wise beyond his years, and to approach him in his sanctum with its weird equipment for the average person with a less than limited supply of scientific knowledge, is to come away feeling as deplorably, hopelessly ignorant as the traditional Hottentot. In addition to an attic that groans with its accumulation of coil, magnets, various mechanical devices—what not—and a well-stored basement, young Carl Pfanstiehl has an equipment which many an old scientist might well envy. For the shop boasts of many really valuable pieces of electrical apparatus which formerly belonged to Professor Gray's laboratory and which were the gift of Mrs. Gray. Among other things we find ten large Edison Leland batteries, inductive coils and shocks, geyser tubes, galvanometers, alternating current detectors, parts of the famous telautograph, etc. The young man is at present deeply absorbed in the making and perfecting of an X-ray machine which, when completed will contain over seventy miles of the finest copper wire.

He has a wireless telephone of his own invention that he successfully operates between his shop, an attractive room on the second floor of the rectory, and the Presbyterian church. Always interested in things scientific, his first experiment of real importance was the system of wireless telegraphy which he successfully

linked between the rectory and Dr. Haskin's residence—a brick house intervening—the first test proving a perfect success. The most important trial he has ever made with this wireless system of telegraphy was when Lewis Pease sent a message with it from his home in Highwood and which was accurately received by young Carl in the steeple of the Presbyterian church. While he takes the keenest delight in his experiments, he has wisely turned his talent to practical account, having wired two houses for electric lights. He also puts in private telephones, electric bells, etc., and is now engaged in putting in electric lights, bells and radiators in a doll-house for a little girl in one of the neighboring suburbs.

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A. K. STEARNS

(Independent Republican Candidate for Representative.)

Arthur Kendell Stearns was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., thirty years ago. He was educated at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and at Harvard University. Has been a citizen of Lake county since he left school and has been an earnest and consistent worker in the interests of good government and honesty in primaries and elections.

He founded the Waukegan Daily and Weekly Sun in 1897, and built up from nothing the present large business of the Sun company in five years, also founded and is now publishing Flour and Feed, the trade journal of that trade. He was instrumental in obtaining the Carnegie Library for Waukegan; in the defeat of the electric franchise grab; in

the abolishment of the use of Waukegan citizens as slaves on the streets; in fact, has been prominent in every public movement during the past five years. Mr. Stearns was admitted to the bar at Springfield, Ill., January, 1895, and is now a practicing attorney in Waukegan.

He is a Republican in national affairs; believes, that national action is imperative to curb the trusts; that municipal ownership of public utilities must soon become a burning issue; that the merit system should be maintained in all state institutions; that political bosses are the abomination of our local politics; that reform is in the air and that the people of the Eighth Senatorial District must go forward in political betterment, or they will become but the creatures of a state machine which seeks to control the party by the purchase of republican primaries and even of delegates through the assessment of state employes.

Honesty has always been the watchword of true Americanism and Mr. Stearns is an optimist and refuses to believe that money can purchase the voice of the people of any portion of the state of Illinois.

Mr. Stearns is positive in his political beliefs and fearless in their advocacy and he promises the people of this district that if they send him as their representative to the next general assembly that he will be heard from on every matter which touches honest government and reform in politics. Mr. Stearns has somewhat of a reputation as a public orator and he may be depended upon to be neither a "second the motion" member or a fossil whose chief claim to fame is that for six years he has done nothing.

RUNAWAY.

A horrible tragedy was very narrowly averted on Wednesday of this week when an exciting runaway took place. The accident, which occurred on Central avenue, not far from the Ingleside hotel, just at the noon hour, when the streets were thronged with the children hurrying home from school, was occasioned by the merry shouts of the happy children which frightened the horse driven by John Ross, causing the animal to rear, and then plunge madly into the midst of the terrified children, several of whom barely escaped severe injury, over-turning the vehicle and throwing its occupant, Mrs. M. S. Marsh, and the driver to the pavement.

Mrs. Marsh was carried into the Ingleside, where she was immediately attended by Dr. F. M. Ingalls. The only injury sustained was a slight scalp wound and several bruises, and she was at once removed to her home.

Mr. Ross was badly shaken up, and bruised from the fall, and is still suffering from the effects of the terrible shock. It was nothing short of the miraculous that the two little girls who were thrown to the ground and run over were neither killed nor maimed for life. Both children, although badly hurt, jumped up and ran home, where it was found that little Katherine Rechtenwald had escaped with a few bad bruises, and little Elsie Noethling with several ugly bruises and a badly sprained ankle, which, however, Dr. Haskins thinks will be well-enough in a few days for the little lady to return to school.

Had Mayor Evans formally given over the keys of the city to Mrs. A. G. Van Schaick, the aristocratic suburb of Highland Park could not have been more wholly hers than it was last Wednesday afternoon. In-

deed, the entire town was given over to the pleasant festivities of the Clinch-Van Schaick nuptials. Special trains conveyed the out-of-town guests to and from Highland Park, and every available carriage, bus and trap the town and liveries could boast was chartered by the bride's mother both to meet the incoming guests at the station and to be placed at the disposal of town friends not possessing conveyances of their own. The very air seemed vibrant with a spirit of goodwill and rejoicing, and we can speed no brighter wish to the newly-wedded pair than that all succeeding days shall be as joyous and happy for them as their wedding day.

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