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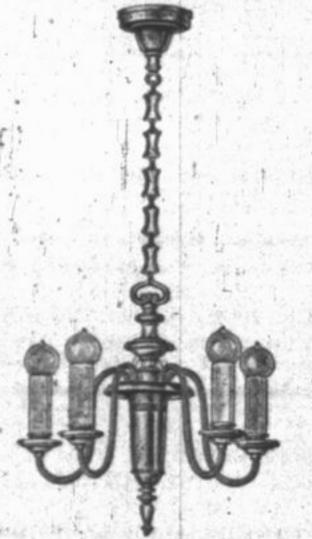
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was winding the first strand of what Prof. Edward H. Gardner, of the Uni-World War.

Industrial Growth This is a chapter which tells some- and lectures. thing of the amazing growth of II- Executives and employes of the

compared with \$5,041,520,000 in 1923. opment. That's an increase of 36.1 per cent! Preliminary to this work an indus-

1923, an increase of 30.2 per cent. towns under scrutiny. Greatest growth is found in the These interviews will form a basis foundry and machine-shop industry. on which the work of bettering the In this period the number of workers merchandising of the cities will be increased from 31,766 to 46,545 or worked out. 46.5 per cent. The slaughtering and The experiment, primarily a busimoat-packing industry is second in mess builder, is already being watched Illinois in persons employed, having nationally by commercial organiza-26,144. It stands first in value of tions. Trade publications throughout products, \$527,509,000 in 1921 and the United States, specializing in 14.9 per cent.

These figures only include Illinoi plants with an output of products valued at \$5,000 or more yearly.

Birthplace of Barbed Wire In my work of "rediscovering Illinois" I went last week to the Illinois city that is the birthplace of barbed wire. It is DeKalb, about sixty miles west of Chicago. Bared wire came ir.to existence in DeKalb in 1872 and in telling the story diplomacy is re-

Patents were taken out for making barbed wire the same year by Joseph F. Glidden and Jacob Haish, neighbors, and so-rivalry. Mr. Haish is still living in DeKalb, a white-haired patriarch ninety-nine years old. Which made it first is a matter of conflict to this day.

A third pioneer in barbed wire was Col. I. L. Ellwood who bought a half-interest in the Glidden patents. But if the glory of invention remains unsettled it is very certain that there was profit enough to make all these

Around the infant barbed wire in dustry, wound first by turning a grindstone to which had been fixed a cross arm, later by horse power and finally by great power plants, DeKalb built up a large industry manufacturing wire, woven fence, nails and kindred output.

Later the American Steel and Wire company, "the trust," acquired the four large plants. Came to DeKalb too, the Nehring Electric Works, making insulated wire, the Apollo Piano company, now owned by the Wurlitzer interests, and similar plants.

Another Achievement Here is another achievement for DeKalb, with a population of about 10,000. One of its leading banks acclaims deposits of \$2,020,767 while the second has deposits of \$1,861,846 according to a month-old report.

DeKalb boasts as well that it can start a child in kindergamen and finish him with a degree without sending him out of town or paying one cent in tuition. It is the home of one of Ilinois' best state normal schools Another claim of DeKalb is that DeKalb county was the first in the Union to organize a soil improvement association with a county advisor. less sent out scouts through a period of years to hunt the nation over for better seeds fr farmers, buying in wholesale lots and selling to planters at special prices.

"Every acre of soil in DeKalb coun ty has been analyzed in a laboratory," said my guide. "A map shows what can be best grown on each acre. Experts have taught rotation of crops We farm scientifically here. It has paid big dividends."

Rochelle's Industries

Seventy-five miles west of Chicago on the Lincoln highway and three trunk line railroads is the town of Rochelle with 4,000 population. Among its chief industries is a woolen mill which requires yearly about 2,000,000 pounds of raw wool; the shearings from some 250,000 sheep. From 150 to 200 persons are employed in the

Here also is a large mill where rolled oats are made. A sheep feeding farm where thousands of sheep are fed is an auxiliary. Round fibre containers are made for the oats in a nearby mill.

Illinois has few rolled oat or breakfast food manufacturing plants. The unusual success of this one and the availability of raw products, labor, nearness to market and a great con-

why. Among the objects of the Illi-ever to be undertaken anywhere. ILLINOIS FEATURE nois Products Exposition, to be held articles entitled "Re-discovering Illi- thousand men. opment of such industries in Illinois. Lois." The fifth will be published

Hundreds of acres of sweet corn soon.) and peas are planted surrounding the city for the Rochelle canneries and N. S. LINE BUILDING forty acres of asparagus next year will add another product. Rochelle is comb Company, manufacturers of mining equipment since 1878. This company has long built special gasoline and battery driven electric locomotives for coal mines.

School Plan Something else, Rochelle is one back in 1872, slowly turned a grind- the promoters of the "D. R. S. School stone in an Illinois town, he was Plan." Dixon, Rochelle and Sycamore unknowingly assisting in the uncrown- have joined hands in a unique experiing of kings, a kaiser, a czar, an em- ment. Merchants and their employes peror and a sultan in Europe in that are going back to school for a year war torn period ending in 1918. He They have secured the services of

was destined to become the vicious versity of Wisconsin, one of the naentanglements, defensive arm in the tion's foremost educators specializing in commerce and statesmanship, to conduct a monthly course of lesson

linois industrially. Figures are from three cities, nearly 300 strong, are the Department of Commerce. They returning to school to work out an show that the value of manufactured experiment in better salesmanship, products in Illinois, at factory prices, Courses of studies are laid down which totaled \$3,705,380,000 in 1921 as include lectures on community devel-

The average number of employes, trial agency was employed to inter-wage earners, in 1921 was 513,876 as view one out of every five home-owncompared with 645,448 in 1923. The ers in these cities and the surrounding increase here is 25.6 per cent. Work- farm country questioning them on ers were paid \$701,530,000 in 1921 the virtues or shortcomings of all as compared, with \$913,326,000 in merchants and salespeople in the

\$606,321,000 in 1923, and increase of salesmanship, are even now gathering data as this is the only work of its

suming populace, makes one wonder kird, those promoting the scheme say, North Shore line has a large number the land is sufficiently low to receive of men engaged in making a camp drainage from a wide territory of for the accomodation of fully one These facts tend to show the gigan-

line is to be extended south from It is desired to get the new line into Libertyville from a point known as operation at the earliest possible mothe Wheeler road to the old Plannes-CONSTRUCTION CAMP still farm, a distance of about a mile.

also the home of the George D. Whit- Thousand Men to be Accommo- plans to dredge for gravel, it being figured that sufficient can be obtain-The territory lying just west of haps 40 acres is to be dredged out to place at the present time as the converted into an artificial lake as enjoy life without publicity.

Within a short time a temporary rushed to completion by the company,

The minority members of the Fed-At this point the North Shore line eral trade commission are peeved because they feel the commission will ed to be used in making the roadbed not give its work enough publicity for the new line which is being start- in the future. Being "forward looked by the company. An area of per- ers" the minority members have a Libertyville is an extremely busy a considerable depth and this will be right to feel peeved as they cannot

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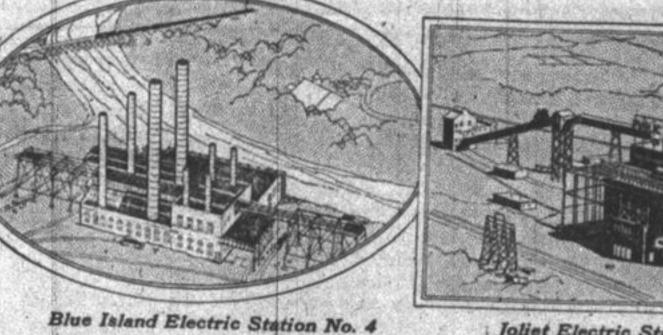
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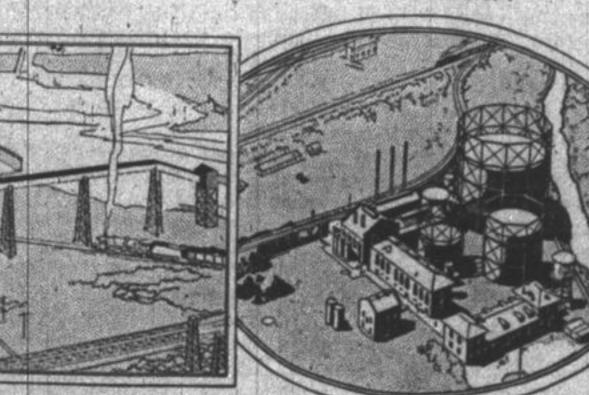
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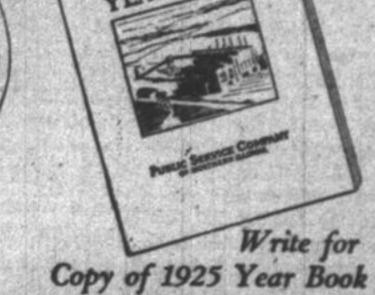
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