

## PROF. BLAKE'S SUCCESS.

**His Electrical Experiments Accepted by  
the Government.**

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LAWRENCE, KAN., Sept. 10.—Prof. L. I. Blake, the Kansas electrician, returned last night from the East, where he was engaged during the entire summer experimenting with his invention for communicating between vessels at sea. This is the third summer that Prof. Blake has been experimenting off the coast of Maine, but while he has worked faithfully and been laying plans to accomplish the greatest triumph in electricity, he has had very little encouragement from the government except the privilege of using the government ships.

This fall his return to the State university is in the nature of a triumphal march, for the United States government has accepted his experiments. The government has recognized in Prof. Blake, an equal, if not a greater, inventor than Edison, the great American wizard, who failed in his efforts to perfect an invention now successfully completed by a Kansas professor.

Prof. Blake and his assistants have been working on a scheme to connect by telephone the light ship at Pollock's Rip, in Vineyard Sound, with the mainland, so that incoming vessels may establish communication for reporting ships bound for this country from European points.

Last week the official test was made, and Prof. Blake's method accepted. The experiment will prove of untold value to commerce, inasmuch as incoming vessels are reported at New York twenty-four hours earlier than is now possible. Nearly all the trans-Atlantic lines bound for New York and Boston, and even Northern ports, make the South Shoal light-ship, where the proposed signals are to be used, when coming in from sea, and at that point steer their course into the harbor. Sailing ships also pick up this beacon and use it as a guide to their destination.

Prof. Blake will return to Nantucket next May, when he will continue the work, which is now beyond the experimental stage.

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