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FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11

AT THE OLD HOME

S Christmas approaches, what heart that is not calloused with greed and selfishness does not ache with longing for the old home of childhood days?

At this mystical season, if at no other, memories of childhood become smiling angels that beckon us back through the years.

Idle sentiment? Not at all.

All over our land Christmas brings back to the old home the children and the children's children, once more to set our lips to the spring of love that is pure and undefiled.

Whether we turn back to it from successes and joys, or from failures and sorrows, the old home is ever a sanctuary of virtues and the sweetest earthly interpretation of heaven.

The king of finance and the prodigal once more become brothers, at the old home, and learn that the things which seem so important to us in this world are, after all, only a thin veneer.

Whether we be wise or ignorant rich or poor, great or little, the old home offers us satisfaction and in spiration to be found nowhere else in

If Christmas had no other meaning than just this-that it turns us back to the old home, that nursery of the infinite, and to the loves and dreams and longings and resolves of youth the day would still be the happiest and most helpful day in all the year.

FOOLISH POLICY YRON T. HERRICK is home from France, as he says, to "earn some money." Mr. Herrick admits to having spent \$400,000 over and above his salary for the privilege of running his life into danger as ambassador of Uncle Sam to Paris. To be sure he has been decorated with the French Legion of Honor, but \$400,000 for the opportunity to display courage and patriotism is a pretty stiff price. Few armies could be raised on such a basis.

The case of Mr. Herrick is merely an example. For years we have been training men for the diplomatic service only to have them retire because they cannot afford to remain in it or they cannot afford to remain in it or because a new administration at Washington happened to be looking when finally he breathes his last it will have been modern business as much have been modern business as much have been modern that will be ers who had helped it into office. Our very ablest diplomats, men who have in at the killing. won their spurs in competition with the keenest political minds of Europe, are at home while mere tyros at the game are holding posts abroad at a time when we have need of the very best representation possible at foreign courts.

BETTER DEFENSES

T is an old saying that where there is much smoke there must be some fire. Apparently this is applicable to the controversy now being waged at to the preparedness of the United States to resist invasion of an armed part, was evolved when we were an infant among ite nations and not able where the Secretary of War evidently are subject to the controversy now being waged at the preparedness of the United States to resist invasion of an armed foe. The debate has reached a stage where the Secretary of War evidently down the Chief Philadelphia, was won their spurs in competition with

to meet the expenses of maintaining does not agree in full with his Chief in Washington to see about operations of the bank.

Gor ambassadors after the fash on of in the White House. When such a older ccuntries. But now we p.se as condition exists there is good ground a leader in the world's affairs. It is for the investigation which Congressclearly cur duty, then, to live up to man Gardener and others have been the role we are playing, and one of demanding.

Let us know the facts. We shall of the Associated Charities at that ministerial and ambassadorial posts then be better able to judge of our attractive enough to take good men needs. If it is true that we have not

IMPROVEMENT OF TRADE

RESIDENT JAMES A. FARRELL, of the United States Steel
Corporation, declared in New
York yesterday that industrial
conditions are improving and that he
looks for a decided increase in the operations of the Pennsylvania properties of the big combine. This notwithstanding that the unfilled orders of the
corporation show a sharp decrease for
the month of November as compared
with those of October.

we have, then conditions certainly demand attention. If, as has been asserted, the State militia is not the
strong arm of support we had imagined it, then let us know what is
wrong in very specific terms, so that
it may be remedied.

Whatever may be the fault on land,
there can be no question about the
avy. That must be enlarged. We
have undertaken to guarantee the nations of the two American continents
from foreign foes. We have

knows needs and possibilities. He is hope to land a man on our shores, acquainted with plans for improve- And even if the impossible did happen, ments requiring the use of steel. He knows what the heads of the great which to prepare our armies to take railroads are doing in the way of framing estimates for the new year. Doubtless, therefore, he speaks with but there is no use in shutting our

provement and falling off in business The Economist says that the textile trade shows a distinctly better tone, and although reports from retailers are not uniformly good, sales are up to the standard of prosperous years.

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tion, which represented their collective experiences on many different classes of insured likely to have higher death

Of Mr. Hunter's report the following ought to be read by every man;

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Among the men who admitted that they had taken alcohol occasionally to excess in the past, but whose habits were considered satisfactory when they were insured, there were 289 deaths, while there would have been only 190 had this group been made up of insured lives in general. The extra mortality was, therefore, over 50 per cent., which was equivalent to a reduction in the average life of these men of over four years wild be cut off the end of each man, there are many who would consider that "The game was worth the candle." But it means that in each year a number of men will die at an earlier age than they should. For example, at age 35, the expectation of life is thirty-two years; in the first year after that age, instead of say, nine persons dying, there would be probably twelve deaths; that is, three men would each lose thirty-two years; in the first year after that age, instead of say, nine persons dying, there would be probably four men would each lose thirty-two years of life, etc. As a matter of fact, many immoderate drinkers would live longer than they should. The companies of the Medico-Actuarial Mortality Investigation did not make a report on the mortality among total abstainers, but sufficient statistics have been published by individual companies to justify the statement that persons who have always been total abstainers from a condition of the montality among total abstainers, but sufficient statistics have been published by individual companies to justify the statement that persons who have always been total abstainers who always been total abstainers have a mortality during the working years of life of about one-half of that among those who use alcohol to the extent of one or two glasses of whiskey per day. In view of this, the effect of prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in Russia must be very great. If hovernment of Russia careal it is not too much to say that the loss of 500,000 men as the result

This is preaching temperance language any man can understand. It is reaching out after the man who sees no wrong in drinking, the man who does not look upon the practice as immoral and who feels that mode rate indulgence does not injure him because he feels no immediate ill ef-

into the service and keep them there. guns enough to man our forts and not ammunition sufficient for the guns we have, then conditions certainly de-

with those of October.

President Farrell is by no means a visionary optimist. He has not hestitated to predict a falling off in business when indications pointed to dull times ahead. For this reason his present forecast of an improvement in trade is all the more worthy of note. Mr. Farrell is in a position to see into the future of business if anybody in the country can. He has his finger on the pulse of the nation's trade. He knows needs and possibilities. He is

full knowledge of his subject.

Another note of opptimism is struck to-day by the Dry Goods Economist, a publication that has with wonderful will follow the creation of a gigantic accuracy from time to time in the past

Employers and employes, manufac-turers and labor leaders, heads of or-ganizations of various kinds, will gather here next Thursday for a symare not uniformly good, sales are up to the standard of prosperous years.

A third encouraging indication is that rates for money are lower, not only in New York but elsewhere, as shown by the reduction from 6 to 5½ per cent. in the short time discount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Dallas.

ALCOHOL AND LONG LIFE

LD JOHN BARLEYCORN is certainly beset on all sides these days. The insurance companies, which have been after him for years, have set sail for his scalp with new vigor. For a long time the meat who underwrite policies have looked with suspicion on the drinker. Now they are positive that their fears are well grounded. Yesterday Arthur Hunter, an authority on the subject, who has been making a careful investigation with the insured men of the entire country as the basis of his observations, reported to the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, in session at New York, that the use of alcohol in any form positively shortens the life of the victim. His is not a snap judgment. His conclusions are reached after a survey of the past twenty-five years.

Forty-three leading life insurance companies in the United States and Canada contributed their detailed records on the two million lives in question, which represented their collective experiences on many different classes of isound likely to cause much discussion in the manner in which the three codes of laws drawn by the State Legislature. They will deal with labor, insurance, construction and the campaign for the enactment of various leaders, the ast the manner in which the three does of the General Assembly, but which was requested to give a hearing to a number of people interested in other General Assembly, but which was requested to give a hearing to a number of people interested in other General Assembly, but which was requested to give a hearing to a number of these bills will represent the if cause of the State, but no idea as to their gentarial Accidents Commission, which and the called the bill to be sub

Republican to Congress
classed, they will attract much attended them, although there is much comit mendation, especially for the simple manner in which the codification of a borough law was made.

Later on in the year the various so organizations interested in the prohibition of agriculture and horticulture on the prohibition of probabilities that agricultural conservation of probabilities that agricultural conservation of the rural interests because of probabilities that agricultural conservation of the probabilities that agricultural conservation of the rural interests because of probabilities that agricultural conservation of the probabilities that agricultural conservation of the probabilities that agricultural conservation of the probabilities of the probabilities that agricultural conservation of the probabilities of the probabilit

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### WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

of the bank. —Gordon Campbell, elected a di-rector of the State Street Railway Association, is head of the York rail-

## - DO YOU KNOW-

That years ago Harrisburg used to be a great cattle shipping point, but Lancaster took the business?

NEWS DISPATCHES OF THE CIVIL WAR

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 11, 1864.]

Sherman Near Savannah

Washington, Dec. 11. — Sherman is
within twenty-five miles of Savannah.

Beauregard On March
St. Louis, Dec. 11. — Beauregard
reported marching on Fort Billow, Th
steamer, Maria, exploded and sank si
miles below here this morning.

Shoot Incendiary
Franklin, Mo., Dec. 11. — An incendiary was shot to-day.

The Christmas Stocking

All the Christmas stockings are not hung by the chimney corner.

A good many of them come in dainty boxes on Christmas morning—the practical kind of a gift that is always welcome.

The Christmas Stocking habit is growing and this year the stores are showing a more than usually large collection of fine hosiery.

There is hose in shimmerican

nosiery.

There is hose in shimmering liste, in silk of every hue, hose of wool and hose of cotton.

The gift giver seeking suggestions along these lines is referred to our advertising col-

What "Old Santa" Overheard By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

'Tis said old Santa Claus one time

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Told this toke on himself in rime: One Christmas in the early din
That ever leads the morning in, I heard the happy children shout In rapture at the toys turned out of bulging little socks and shoes—A joy at which I could but choose. To listen enviously, because I'm always just "Old Santa Claus,"
But ere my rising sigh had got To its first quarter at the thought, It broke in laughter, as I heard A little voice chirp like a bird—

"Old Santa's mighty good, I know, And awful rich—and he can go Down ever' chimbly anywhere In all the world!—But I don't care, I wouldn't trade with him, and be Hold Santa Claus, and him be me fer all his toys and things—and I know why, and bet you he knows why!—

They wuz no Santa Claus when he Wuz ist a little boy like me!"

# BEALES ELECTION IS NOW CONTESTED

Brodbeck Starts a Fuss Over the Selection of the Gettysburg Republican to Congress

being represented here and some of them having numerous and influential subordinate bodies.

Word spread about the city yesterday afternoon that Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, the Governor elect, was in court. It was not Dr. Brumbaugh but the man looked like him except for the lack of the eyebrows, which are a distinguishing feature of the new executive. The man happened to be T. Ellsworth Davies, noted mining engineer of Scranton, who was here on the coal tax case.

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—"There is no political significance in the dinner which Chairman Hilles is to give to myself and a few friends," replied the Senator in response to a query upon this subject. "I suppose he wants to talk over the general situation informally. The trend of sentiment throughout the country is strongly Republican and I have no doubt of a national victory for the party in 1916."

"What about the probable candidate?"

date?"
"The situation will develop the candidate at the proper time. It may be someone who is not even being considered. There, is plenty of time to discuss candidates. What we want now is to strengthen the party organization in every way possible, to get back into the fold all who strayed away and to insure harmonious and aggressive action when the ticket shall be named."

—By the withdrawal of Paul De Moll, of City Solicitor Ryan's staff, as a candidate for the board of directors another clean-cut fight is presented for the filling of a vacancy on the board of the Democratic Club of Philadelphia.

Many Fall On Ice Many people have fallen on the ice, but no one has been injured.

The supporters of Dr. W. H. Hoskins, president of the club, won out night before last and at the next meeting they will back J. H. Berkley against J. H. Howard, whom they defeated at the last election. Mr. De Moll came out in a statement yesterday decrying "powder puff politics," charging that the faction affiliated with State Chairman Morris has been hampering President Hoskins, and calling on all of his friends to support Mr. Berkley.

—Attorney General John C. Bell is being persistently mentioned in the gossip about appointments as likely to succeed himself and there is talk at Philadelphia that he is strongly back-



A Gentile Reminder!
Lady: I suppose that's a Christmas present for your papa?
Johnnie: No. It's a empty box. I want him to think it's one, though, so he'il think it's one, though, so he'll begin to buy mine.



THE CHRISTMAS CHECK

By Wing Dinger

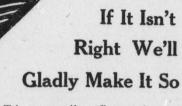
You'll see a lot of folks these days,
And as you on their faces gaze
You'll note that smiles play to and fro
And set the countenance aglow.
If it should puzzle you just why
This happy state does now apply
So generally, your mind don't vex—
They've got their Christmas Savings
checks.

If you would join the happy bunch
Next Christmas, here's a timely
hunch:
When all the banks soon advertise
The next year Christmas Clubs, be
wise.
Go join a club and save a bit
Each week, as much as you see fit,
And then when Christmas comes around
Again joy will with you abound.

## IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY

[From the Telegraph of Dec. 11, 1864.] Y. M. C. A. Meet The Young Men's Christian Associa-tion will meet to-night.

Money For Soldiers
The Old School Presbyterian Church contributed \$400 for Thanksgiving cheer for the soldiers.



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### Men's Fur Coats

Quilted Satin Lined and Persian Lamb Collar. Formerly \$30, Now \$20 Marmot Lined With Persian Lamb or Hudson Seal Collar, Formerly \$50, Now \$30

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