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THE PROHIBITION FIGHT THE fact that the Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the State Legislatures was defeated in the House at Washington last night is not likely to prove discouraging to those who are urging the passage of that measure.

There is nothing of party organization in this fight, as was demonstrated when Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann both lined up on the floor shoulder to shoulder in opposition to the Hobson resolution.

THE MUNICIPAL TREE HARRISBURG owes a debt of gratitude to those who are arranging the municipal Christmas tree celebration for tomorrow evening. It is a very good sign when busy men and women of varied tastes and interests enter so heartily into any plan for the entertainment of the whole community.

HELP THE MUMMERS THE Mimmers' Association is in need of funds. The money ought to be forthcoming. The organization is not a profit-making enterprise. By its efforts hundreds of out-of-town people will be brought to Harrisburg for a day and the city will be well advertised.

TAKING THE RIGHT COURSE It is a matter of gratification that officials of the Livestock Sanitary Board have taken steps to ascertain the exact value of the cattle ordered killed in the State-wide effort to check the foot and mouth disease, and it is to be hoped that the next Legislature will give ear to the demand of owners of stock that they be reimbursed in full.

in reimbursement was pitifully short. Efforts have been made for years to build up the cattle industry of Pennsylvania and there are magnificent herds of blooded cattle in the State. Constant efforts to improve the strain have been made and only this year our Secretary of Agriculture issued a bulletin pointing out how cattle raising can be made profitable.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS? There is the question that hundreds of perplexed boys and girls of Harrisburg are asking to-day. For the benefit of the little folk we reprint the answer to this momentous question as written by Frank P. Church, editorial writer on the New York Sun in 1897, when that great newspaper was owned by Charles A. Dana.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

THE NEW WAY DON'T "drink Christmas in" with anybody to-morrow night. Don't wish anybody "Merry Christmas" over an intoxicating glass. That style of ushering in the holiday is as obsolete as the old Druid rites upon which some of our early Christmas customs were founded.

THE THAW CASE THE Supreme Court of the United States is no respecter of persons. Young Mr. Thaw now knows that he who juggled with the law for months ran up against an adamant wall when he appealed to the highest tribunal of the nation.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING AFTER the first wave of public giving to any great protracted task of relief, the work of systematic charity falls to the lot of organizations created for the purpose.

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SPEAKERSHIP'S EAGERLY SOUGHT Friends of the Candidates Are Going Through the State to Secure Members' Votes

PENROSE MAKES STATEMENT Says He Has No Candidate and Will Not Be Drawn Into it; Palmer Gets Peevish

—Candidates for the speakership of the next House of Representatives appear to have taken it for granted that it is to be a fight to the finish and are making strenuous efforts to secure the pledges of members elect.

—Senator Penrose yesterday added some interesting comments to the situation and made it plain that he was not committed to the candidacy of anyone.

IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY [From the Telegraph of Dec. 23, 1864.] Railroad Man Killed Augustus Wentz, Pennsylvania Railroad, slipped from the bumper on which he was standing and was caught between two cars.

FACTS AND FUN Those familiar with the eastern mistletoe only have no idea of the great losses due to this parasite in the forests of the West, where it counts next to fire and insects in the amount of damage done.

Boy Hero Honored by Belgian's King Daring young Belgian who has won distinction for valorous work on scout duty for the Belgian army.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE —Mayor S. H. Walker, of Altoona, received a couple of handsome policemen's clubs made by a friend in Panama.

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THE UPTOWN SHOPPING CENTER GET A TRANSFER Robinson's THIRD AND BROAD IT PAYS TO BUY UP TOWN The Day Before Christmas ALL TOYS REDUCED 25% off From 8 A. M. Till 12 33 1/3% off From 12 Till 6 P. M. 50% off From 6 Till Closing

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year I wish to thank my many friends and patrons of Harrisburg and all the suburban towns for their kind interest manifested in my welfare. BOB BOYER, Barber, 22 S. Dewberry Street

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