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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 24.

In the language of Tiny Tim—"God bless us, every one."

LUKE WROTE THIS FOR YOU

In the many years since the Star first hovered over Bethlehem and the first Christmas came into being, men have been writing of Christmas.

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modern structure in any city of the country. There must be no makeshift in any feature of the appointments.

Since the conference between the State and the city authorities on the question of treatment of the Capitol Park zone it has come to be generally accepted that the civic center of Harrisburg will be embraced in the district bounded by Walnut, Third and North streets.

It hardly admits of argument that this city should proceed with the working out of the civic center idea. Other cities in this country and abroad are expending millions of dollars in the creation of their civic centers while here in Harrisburg the co-operation of the State has made possible an ideal arrangement without cost to the city that will be at once a credit to the Commonwealth and its capital city.

As a final word let us admonish every reader of the Telegraph to exercise personal care in fire prevention work, for the illumination of Christmas trees or places of business.

LEST WE FORGET

THERE are evidences here and there of a disposition on the part of the railroad corporations to take advantage of a favorable change in the attitude on the part of the public toward these corporations.

Some very flimsy pretenses are given for large increases in transportation charges and the newspapers of the country are gradually changing from a friendly attitude to one of open criticism as a result of the resumption of old tactics by the railroad companies.

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TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

—This is going to be a very empty Christmas for some—especially the Purse family.

—Every rose has its thorn—so does every holly leaf.

—Santa Claus is the man who put the Miss into mistletoe.

—The Altoona Tribune will celebrate its sixty-fifth anniversary January 15. Merry Christmas, dear Tribune, AND Merry Christmas.

—"Christmas comes but once a year"—if it came oftener our boss would refuse to be interviewed on the subject of salary.

A CERTAIN BOY. When breakfast is brought to me he delights to pour my coffee while we sit face to face, each at the head of the small table; and he has long regarded his coffee as a substitute for the sugar I once declined.

KILLS AMERICAN DYE INDUSTRY. The dye business is strategic because it implicates other businesses.

MORE RAILROADS GOING "DRY". [Literary Digest.] The maintenance of top-notch efficiency and care to keep abreast of a public sentiment which is growing more and more averse to the liquor business.

VILLA ON THE MOVE. Two wives wait Villa; Los Angeles says he won't go to Cuba with her.

INVOCATION, CHRISTMAS. Ten thousand homes are steeped in peace.

WE HAVE WITH US.—[Kansas City Star.] A sensational reporter announces that the Christmas trees are headed in, certainly.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committee. William Flinn was yesterday notified from Atlantic City that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, if he decides to enter the presidential nomination race, will have the New Jersey Progressive State committee with him.

The new city commission have assigned departments and agreed upon city officials to be chosen on inauguration, January 3. The officials selected are: C. H. Hare, city solicitor.

Asserting that the Philadelphia municipal court thus far has proven itself to be the most extravagant judicial institution that he has ever known.

DIRECT TAX ON IRON AND STEEL. [From the Iron Age.] Manufacturers of pig iron and of "fabricated" iron and steel may wonder why their products are selected by the President for the imposition of a direct tax.

Two and a half years ago a special session of Congress was working overtime to relieve the people of high living costs, falsely said to be due to customs house tolls.

THE experts of the Bureau of Standards recommend that every kitchen have a complete set of weights and measures.

Sweet carols that we sing make merriment of all the words that in them lay.

Our Daily Laugh. "The sign brings customers."—LA Fontaine.

THE STATE FROM DAY TO DAY. Although a mere infant, being only three days old, according to the well-established belief that winter begins on the 21st of December.

I Forgot.—This is the day when the mental check up brings home the fact that "we" may have tried to do Christmas shopping early—

THE EXPENSIVE PERIOD. She: They say two can live as cheaply as one. He: Not during the engagement, though.

THE CARTOON OF THE DAY



Can They Induce Her to Remain Until We All Can See Her?

CANDLE-LIGHTING. IN the peasant's quiet cottage, As of yore, this Christmas night, Candles white like snow were lighted, That their star-flame shining bright.

SCIENCE BEGINS AT HOME

Getting Your Money's Worth By Frederic J. Haskin

THE American kitchen is sadly behind the times. While all our scientific institutions are being run on a basis of scientific efficiency, but many households have apparently come down to us unchanged from the days of Moses.

There is a recently enacted amendment to the famous pure food law, known as the "net-weight amendment."

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Evening Chat

Apparently the State authorities are not going to allow the organizations of the National Guard to suffer from lack of information about the federal inspection which is to be held next three months.

The problem of whether or not the river dam is going to produce good skating this winter is being discussed widely among the city's younger element.

Here is one that is vouched for by the youngest member of the Telegraph staff: "Superstition is far from being extinct in this city."

Lemoyne's young men have advanced in municipal affairs by taking the annual community Christmas stunt into their own hands and it is believed that in the course of a few weeks the town will have a fine display.

Ad Gumbert, county commissioner-elect of Allegheny, who has here yesterday, was for years one of the best players on the Pittsburgh baseball team and was a great friend of John K. Tener in the old days.

WHISKY A CURSE. [Manufacturers Record.] The National Bulletin, which seems to be published wholly in the interest of the whisky industry of the country, quotes a recent editorial from the Manufacturers Record headed "Too Many Reformers."

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Burn a Candle on Christmas Eve. You will want to observe this city's latest custom for heralding the Coming of the King.

Be sure that your window has a burning candle.