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wave flag is flying over the federal building. To bask in the pent-up sun E. J. STACKPOLE, Pres't and Editor-in-Chief F. R. OYSTER, Business Manager. GUS M. STEINMETZ, Managing Editor. shine of summers long since past, listen to the crackle and roar of the fire, to laze and drowse, and drowse and laze, and then to toddle off to bed



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"I would be true, for there are those who trust me;

.I would be pure, for there are those who care;

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare."

RUMORS OF PEACE

STORIES of a peaceful settlement of the foolish factional controversy now engaging the attention hither from Atlantic City and Phila- suffering District of Columbia. delphia—the seat of trouble. It is the earnest hope of all faithful party men that the reports of an adjustment of the mix-up are based upon fact; that the wish is not merely father to the

If Democrats of the Old Guard and the reorganizer group can find com-mon ground upon which to stand, surely the Philadelphia factions can and convincingly in

Those familiar with political move- Said he: ments in this State are not likely to be greatly surprised over anything that may transpire in the evolution of It is quite the usual thing to see leaders who have been rending each other one day walking arm-in-arm the next and laughing happily over the way in which they mauled

Another full week will have elapsed

more cheering and satisfying to those who pay rent than the maximum returns for the minimum of investment, every house will have an open fireplace. Not the little gas-log makenole, although even it is better than not place. Not the goal of household peace and good humor of household peace and good humor of household peace and good humor of household peace and good old-fash.loned of the house save the flue of the chimney—but the good old-fash.loned open-hearth that roars, and crackles that it has for the past year fed its inmates at an expense of seventeen growing assistiving to those while paper has driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, and that newspaper is driven the Johnstown Leader into receiver's hands, a

systems, and now steam and hot lished broadcast. There are few, howvater are listed among the "modern ever, who would like to try the exwater are listed among the "modern conveniences" that no self-respecting residence will be without. The fire-place then fell into general disuse. But recently we have begun to understand that in many respects we have been too quick to be "off with the old love, on with the new." Modern invention and the fad of the moment vention and the fad of the moment selected to disuse many beneated to disuse many the many testing to the tory the experiment of trying to keep soul and body together on seventeen cents a day, one fancies.

Do you remember when coasting on the public Service Commission a provision that the Secretary of Internal Affairs shall not only be a member of the commission but also its president and that in him shall be lodged all power of appointment or removal of subordinates of the commission." vention and the fad of the moment relegated to disuse many household appliances and customs that are now finding their way back again to popular favor. Among those that Lave "come back" is the fireplace, and one wonders why it ever should have lost favor. It is the very foundation of the home. Indeed, there were fireplaces long before there were homes. Primitive man learned the value of the open-hearth centuries previous to the development of architecture to the development of architecture to the point of four walls and a roof.

Round the fireplace from time beyond all record families have gathered when the nights grew long and the chill of winter fell upon the land. There it was that father taught son the lore of the ages, where grandsire handed down to the younger generations at his knee the stories and traditions and beliefs that have become history and religion. Around relegated to disuse many household

come history and religion. Around the hearth the fires of love grew ing to carry an armful of apples and philadelphia is planning to ask the

Sending the Milwaukee to the

stronger and the bonds of friendship firmer. First the family, then the the tribe and finally the nation-with

nothing like it on a wild, wintry

night, when the wind whistles and shrieks and the blue-centered cold

saturated with warmth and drowsi When people generally learn the delights of the open hearth fire-places will become as numerous and

Things can't be so bad in Berlin; press reports say every citizen can have one egg to eat this month.

A MISREPRESENTATIVE

MR. LEWIS, of Maryland, having failed to achieve his election to the Senate, will depart political life on the 4th of March. He intends his last days to be significant, for he

has introduced a bill for the govern

ment to take over the telephone sys

tem in the District of Columbia. His action is significant of his entire co

When running for the Senate he

caused himelf to be widely heralded as

the "father of the parcels post," where

as the fact is that he declared himsely

opposed to the parcels post and de-

manded government ownership of the express companies.

Mr. Lewis in effect is a Socialist. We

believe he once formally adhered to the Socialist party. Government own-

ership is one of the fundamentals of

Socialism, and the socialization of the Democratic party has proceeded rather

rapidly these last few years. It is unlikely that the Lewis bill will become

law, even if this session of Congres

Government ownership is not

success in any place where it has been tried, and congressmen are not in-

clined to try experiments any mor along that line, even in the long

Why all the excitement? If Tha

wasn't ordered extradited he ought to

THE MIDDLEMAN

mingles truth and fiction very cleverly

interview at Philadelphia recently.

I know that the commission man, or middleman, as he is called, is in disrepute now as a result of the articles which have been written about him, but it is only because people do not know him, that is all. He is a necessity and he is not overcharging for what he does. The farmer could not dispose of his products without him. There would be much greater waste and even higher prices if it were not for the commission man. But at present the commission man can do nothing about it. He is doing his duty by the farmer and the public to the best of his ability.

ALTER SNYDER, of Baltimore,

ex-president of the National League of Commission Men,

were to be extended.

have been.

as popular as bathtubs.

Congress.

All men love an open fire.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



response over to pick up one that had fallen without spilling any of the others.

Politics in Pennoylvania

By the Ex-Committeemas

Final touches will be put on the committee lists for the Senate and House and to the general legislative program for the session of 1917 by Senator Boies Penrose and his friends this week. When the Senator finishes the work and the committee lists are out the State administration people will have a "war council" of their own in an effort to take into their ranks those who may be offended by the committee selections and who will not acquiesce in the provisions of the Penrose program, especially in regard to probes, etc.

The State administration people are disposed to pursue a policy similar to that of the Wilson administration in regard to Mexico, chiefly because there is not much else to do and to provoke a fight might lead to disaster.

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—The Altoona postmastership bids fair to be something to make interesting Democratic reading. There are several candidates and they are going after the place with blocks and tackles.

—Men interested in the revision of the charter for Philadelphia will discuss the proposition at a dinner this week. Some of the most prominent min work in the interest of State charities, is out with a statement making a bitter attack upon the system

Another full week will have elapsed cfore the Legislature reconvenes and the time might well be spent by the eaders of the party in doing what is biviously the thing to do in restoring harmony and perfecting an alignment which will give assurance of a constructive legislative program.

Think of it Great Britain's foreign trade, around eight billions. Meanwhile, we were at much as our own foreign trade, around eight billions. Meanwhile, we were at many much as our own foreign trade, around eight billions. Meanwhile, we were at much as our own foreign trade, around eight billions. Meanwhile, we were at that his activities keep then prices of some commodities down during certain seasons.

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ment of a State institution boasts that it has for the past year fed its and shares its warmth and good cheer with all who gather within the magic range of its fiftul glow. The kind of a fireplace of which Whittier wrote that "ever, when a stronger blast shook beam and rafter as it passed, the great throat of the chimney laughed."

When coal came into general use fireplaces by the hundred were boarded up to give place to hideous "egg stoves" and "magazine heaters," and these in turn gave way to hot-air systems, and now steam and not water are listed among the "modern."

Into a State institution boasts that it has for the past year fed its introduced a bill providing for the reorganization of the Public Service down to the public Service of the Bethlehem Steel Company induged in no circumstom being solely dependent upon the providing meals for attendants and officials. Economy of administration is always laudible, but there is a point ments to be made to fill vacancies in other has been agrouped to the earn of the Schuylkiil county of the schuylkiil county of the pople. Penrose of the providing for the reorganization of the Public Service of the pub commission. As a check upon further activities of Brumbaugh adherents of

CHARLES M. SCHWAB MUSICIAN AS WELL AS IRON-MASTER

SEVERAL interesting anecdotes about the early musical activities of Charles M. Schwab are related in an article in the current issue and the state of M. Schwab are restlated in an article describes Mr. Schwab; the strick difference of Bethlehem, which gives an nual festivals at Lehigh, and which is to join with the Philharmonic Society of New York in a Bach-Wagner program in Carnegie Hall next Saturday evening in celebration of the Philharmonic Society's 75th anniversary. In telling of the steel master program in Carnegie Hall next Saturday evening in celebration of the Philharmonic Society's 75th anniversary. In telling of the steel master; life-long interest in music, the following incidents, authentic and in print for the first time, are given:

"Mr. Schwab's earliest and strongs est love is for the organ. It dates back to his boyhood days when he played for his grandfather who was to leader of a church choir at Williamsburg, Pa. The steel master tells an about ten years old, he incurred the Schwab's organ performances. One of displeasure of his grandfather, a stern man. While he was playing during a service the boy's nose began to itch. The itching became most tantalizing but he kept his hands dutifully upon the organ keys. Relief came with a life of the properties of the organ keys. Relief came with a life of the properties of the organ keys. Relief came with a life of the properties of the organ keys. Relief came with a life of the organ keys. Relief came with a life of the properties of the prop

Britain will fight on, says King George. He must have seen Lloyd-George's speech in the papers.—Phila-delphia North American.

—A German newspaper asks if Mr. Lloyd-George is a gambler. He prob-ably knows enough about gambling to call a bluff.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Plain Talk From Bethlehem

Forward in the series of the selection of the Schulidin county of the Schulidi

OUR DAILY LAUGH

MAKING SOMETHING.

How's business, old man? making anything lately? Yes; an as-signment.



pearances, you know.
You can jolly

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car have made coasting impossible on the hill streets of the city, where the bobsled and the "Yankee Jumper" used to flourish, coasting in the country roundabout the city has come to be very popular. On several of the steep hills of Cumberland county even the slight snow of yesterday afforded the sight snow of yesterday aborded fine sport. Four automobile loads of sleds and young people went into the country about 3.30 o'clock and returned after nightfall, the sleds being conveyed in a separate automobile taken along for the purpose. The whole countryside was covered with snow and the hard crust made good going.

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"We are missing a fine winter sport, most of us," said one of those in the party. "I see no reason why there should not be sledding parties by the dozen when there is snow on the ground hereabouts. I am firmly convinced that the sport is just as enjoyable and far more wholesome than dancing in an overheated ballroom all evening. There are many fine hills in this neighborhood, both road and field slopes being available. No doult many farmers would be glad to permit the use of unplanted fields, for a consideration, and it would no doubt be possible to arrange with some nearby hotel for a hot supper at the conclusion of the evening. The all-the-year automobile has opened up the country to city people in the winter time and we miss one of the rarest delights of outdoor life if we fail to take advantage of the opportunity."

Harry S. McDevitt, counsel for the State Economy and Efficiency Commission, has completed the first chart ever made showing the relation of the departments, commissions, bureaus and other branches of the State government to each other. It represents months of the closest study of the operations of the government and study of the acts together with some slants which Mr. McDevitt's long association with Capitol Hill enabled him to get. The chart will be of the greatest value to the legislators as it shows at a glance just how the various officials have authority outside of their departments.

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Theodore B. Klein, who has just been re-elected president of the Dauphin County Historical Society, has been the fifth man to hold that office in forty-eight years, a rather remarkable record for such an organization. The society is one of the best known in the State and the researches made by its president have been valuable contributions to local history. Some original work which has attracted wide notice will be placed in the archives of the society.

The manner in which the January

The manner in which the January circulation at the Harrisburg Public Library has started off indicates that this winter's circulation at the institution will break records. November and December were both away ahead of anything ever known for those months and the circulation for the first half of January was as much as some summer months alone.

In spite of the weather a pretty fair idea of the increase of acreage set out in spite to the increase of acreage set out in wheat in this section can be gained. The fields are showing up well where not covered by snow and the stalks look good and strong. The farmers say that considering the late sowing and the various other difficulties with which they had to contend the prospects for wheat appear to be better than usual for midwinter.

Some idea of the size of the new gasomer tank which it is planned to establish at the plant of the Harrisburg Gas Company can be gained from a look at the gigantic ring in concrete which has been built for the construction work to be undertaken in the spring. It will be located a bit north of the present big storage tanks.

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Col. Cody was noted for his cordiality to newspapermen, notably young reporters and one of the newspapermen of this city recalls how he was sent by an unfeeling city editor to the Colonel's car about 1 o'clock in the morning to ask him some questions about some row in which the Colonel had figured in New York. The Colonel had retired right after the show, but he had the reporter ushered in, given a cigar and then handed him a line of conversation about everything except what the reporter was told to ask until after the time of going to press. The Colonel "threw down" the reporter on the story, but somehow he made a lasting friend

"Did you ever see a dog that would

"Did you ever see a dog that would rather chase his tail than eat?" was asked to-day. Well, Lemoyne has one of these canines. The dog has for hours chased his tail and at the expiration of the time will lie down and rest for another trip. Sometimes it was only after much persuasion on the part of his master that the animal stops his exercise on a hot summer's day. The dog gives amusement for the younger element of the town. Some of the braver of these lads have learned of a method to encourage the dog to "chase his tail," and often start the animal on his course for the amusement and entertainment of others.