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FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 1909.
Sad is the heart that cannot re

joice at Christmas time.

Christmas comes but once a year to make our pocket-books feel queer.

This is the season of the year when every one is looking for something new in stockings.

It's a wise husband who prepares to pay for the Christmas gifts recoiv- people, just as any well written artied from his dear wife.

of human kindness is still sweet.

The time to advertise is when you want business. The time to quit is when you are ready to step aside and give the other fellow a chance.

The new Christmas game will be very fashionable. The players hunt through their pocketbooks to see how much money they have left. The one who has the most has to buy a present for New Year's.

The long Polar night is over, for those who have been longing to know who did not discover the pole. Those who believe they know who did, can continue to exercise faith in the fellow whose claim for discovery has not yet been disproved.

Gift giving at Christmas time is, or ought to be, nothing more than a manifestation of the Christmas spirit, which is unselfish, seeking only to make others happy. Every one who has been moved by this spirit has realized the truth of the saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The oaks upon which the mistletoe grew were sacred to the Druids in days of old, and they used to worship under them in the most solemn and devout way. When hung up in a room or hall the beautiful pearly power of keeping away evil spirits and influences.

"Christmas Eve!" The wondrous Santa Claus comes to the children with thee. What visions of dolls, games, books, candies, and all sorts of goodies; drums, trumpets, whistles, with all sorts of squaks and discordant blasts; and the wonderful is soldlering, so it follows that a few lights, gay colors, and mysterious packages, some of which may conhuge jack-knives. It is all enchant- other days, and military regulations ment, all the color of the rose, the cannot forego this requirement, no the wonder of the story of the Star while it is a rare treat to most of of Bethlehem, of the following and the men, makes work for some of guiding of the wise men to the lowly them which is regarded in the army crandle of the coming King; not all as about the most calamitous detail in the business. the sad beauty of the old, old story can fully satisfy the juvenile heart things studiously to be avoided by like these. But are we not children the enlisted men. It is not pleasant of a larger growth? In spite of for a soldier to be kept on guard, the solemnity of the occasion, in spite down in front of headquarters when of its deep and tender meaning, the the rest of the fellows are inside the gifts and goodies and merrymaking barracks singing songs, telling storare all dear to us, children in heart les, eating turkey or out on the paras we are.

eccive. It is likewise more expensive.

The January number of "Success" Cannonism," and a companion piece headed "Is President Taft Leader or Follower of His Party?" Both these spent more or less of their time booming patent medicine, as the first article is along the line of making people think they have all the ills life is heir to, while the second article gives the usual convalescent statics which have been gathered from parties who have been doomed to read the "Success" for the rest of their natural life. They are call-

ed the "Auxiliary Editorial Board of Life Subscribers." Both articles are well written, and will fool a lot of cle will. In fact there are people who would not be contented unless Know all men by these presents there was somebody to fool them. It Joe was the idol of the same fellows

who would now burn him at the stake. When Uncle Joe first came to Washington, he was' loved by mans, and the Welsh, of course. many of these same statesmen for his unique draw-poker proclivities,

him for his generous hospitality, and his good judgment in selecting a brand of whiskey that was universally liked. In fact, there was danger at that time that this same crowd would change the name of the Nation's Capitol to Cannonsburg, and only Uncle Joe's innate modesty, unflinching determination, and his reverence for the father of our country broke up the plot to thus honor him. Time is a good undertaker, and all this love and admiration for the old gentleman has been buried. and the crowd who strewed his pathway with palms are now crying 'Crucify him." As Uncle Joe has purchased a base ball team, for his home town, we believe he has done so in order that he can pervail upon some of these reformers to act as umpire in games when town rivalry is intensified.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE ARMY. Christmas in the various forts garrisoned by United States troops never passes without a cut and dried celebration. Preparation for the event is made long in advance. Every soldier knows that something extra is going to be his portion for with

military discipline, which to many enlisted men is even more welcome barracks may do pretty much as he pleases.

But "pigs is pigs," and soldiering Chistmas tree with the brilliant of the men are shut out of the gen- the first written constitution known eral hilarity of the holiday because they must perform a soldier's duty ment, and it marked the beginning of friendly cover of darkness that the tain the long-wished-for skates or as on other days. The guard mount is for Christmas as well as for all Hooker deserves more than any other and discovered the rifled money and rainbow that spans their young lives. Not all the agony in the manger, all the wonder of the story of the Star onies. Guard duty and kitchen work are ade ground playing baseball or doing skylarking stunts. Accordingly the the free state and the past have come experienced soldier makes it a point Numerous, indeed, are the hearts to to escape Christmas guard duty if possible. There are several ways of us maintain them at any cost. The doing this. The first sergeant of the Puritan of the seventeenth century company sometimes, it is hinted, many old recollections, and how helps the veterans out by a passive co-operation, which throws the burden of the day upon young recruits who are passing their first Christmas in the service. He permits the old timers to swap dates for guard day. duty with the recruits so that the Santa Claus also comes to the sol- tic. He may not put the emphasis dier. This is true literally and figuratively. He comes through the mails or the express companies in we grasped have grown cold; the the home folks. On his \$13 a month live on the same high plane. If the the soldier does not have much of a surplus to spend in buying presents to send home, but this fact does not It is always an event in camp or barstances connected with those happy hefty package "jes' 'fore Christ- when it harks back to the best in the macks when some man receives a drawn by the Wall street journal As a rule, the contents are the last assemblage had been but they happen to be of the edible of the father priest of the house-yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, variety and if any of the oronies fail hold gathering his family about him to receive similar remembrances.

England Dinner.

The twenty-third annual dinner of the New England Society of North-

eastern Pennsylvania was held at has an article entitled "The End of Hotel Jermyn, in Scranton, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st. The speakers were Chancellor Day of Syracuse University; Hon. Charles R. Bruman of Schuylkill county, Professors Perarticles bear the earmarks of having rin and Bacon of Yale University been written by people who have and Rev. Dr. Swift of Honesdale, whose address in part we print. Honesdale was represented by Homer Greene, Historian of the Society, Hon. Judge A. T. Searle, W. F. Suydam, Dwight Dorflinger, Chas. Searle, R. M. Stocker, Frank Kimble, W. G. Blakney and John D. Weston. Dr. Swift's subject was "The Twentieth Century Puritan," and he took occasion to urge the New Englanders to protect the ballot box. He spoke in part as follows:

"We honor to-night the Pilgrim and Puritan. Of course there is a difference between them. If we were living in Boston and failed to make a distinction we would never be forgiven. But the Pilgrim and Puritan were not the only migrations. There were others who wrote history on these shores, and we have no desire, (Christmas presents) that the milk is not a great while ago that Uncle not even to-night, to forget it. There were Scotch and Scotch Irish, and Irish too. There were Hollanders and Hugenots, Cavaliers and Quakers, the solid Pennsylvania Ger-

"We are a composite people, will be more truthfully so in the future. while the rest of them worshipped | Perhaps, more gloriously so, is true to the highest ideals, the ideals of the Pilgrim and Puritan, for it has been well said 'God sifted a whole nation, that he might send choice grain into the wilderness." The Puritan has been idealized, and caricatured. The popular conception is mirorred in the mythical Blue laws. He had his unattractive side no doubt. It may be that he repressed in expression the warm sunny heartside of his character. It may be that few words of praise fell from his lips, that his manner was austere, sometimes perhaps repelling, but the attractiveness in the Puritans, as the exterior of the gourd, the husk protecting the seed from which sprung the republic. Says John Fisk, 'Of all migrations of people, the settlement of New England is pre-eminently the one in which the almighty dollar has paid the smallest part, however important it may have become as a It was left for remotive power.' ligious enthusiasm to achieve what commercial enterprise had failed to accomplish.' Whether it be true or not that the Puritan migration was in the interest (intentionally so) of

civil and religious liberty-that liberty has been the result of the truth he taught. As far back as 1648, one hundred and thirty-eight years before the declaration of independence was signed at Philadelphia. Nookes, in a sermon at the opening of the berries were thought to possess the that day. The Christmas dinner, of authority is laid in the free congeneral contra said: 'The foundation savory extras in the way of sent of the people;" that the choice food, is not the only special provi- of public magistrates belongs unto sion for the soldier's celebration. the people by God's own allowance;" There is a relaxation of the rigor of and that they who have power to appoint officers and magistrates have the rights also to set the bounds and than the turkey and cranberries. limitations of the power and place On Christmas day the man in the into which they call them.' And on January 14th of the next year, the freemen of three towns assembled at Hartford and adopted a written constitution. Says Foske: 'It was that

It is more blessed to give than to Rev. W. H. Swift's Address at New | a powerful appeal to the sons of Puritans and Pilgrims to take a stand on the right side. He said in this connection:

"I would not speak one word of criticism of the splendid movement on the part of our laymen to belt the globe with the sun of righteousness. It thrills me as does no other. But I do plead with all my soul that more shall be done by our faymen to make the city a safe place in which to live. To mould public sentiment along civic lines, to marshal the forces that make for righteousness and send them out onto the firing line and to take the foreigners now at our very doors and by an infusion of the principles of a holy religion transform them into intelligent, law-abiding citizens. Instead of sitting on the grandstand watching perhaps, criticising the team on the gridiron as it makes the play and kicks the goal for us, every sovereign citizen ought to be at the very center of the mass play as with muscles like knots of steel we throw ourselves into the struggle against vice and corruption. Every interest that makes for the

best home life and community life must be protected and made dynamic. The ages of law must be held before capital and its rights restricted and safe guarded. But labor must also have its share of the harvest and be guaranteed all the rights of liberty under a fair interpretation of the constitution.

"I speak the highest not of optimism, there are many allies in the conflict. One of the most powerfi influences that is almost always on the side of the public weal and against wrong doers, is the public press, to which we owe more than we can tell-the daily papers and the monthly magazines are stirring the conscience of the American citizenship as never before! We face the dawn of a fairer, brighter day. There are men who fearlessly, unselfishly at any personal cost are throwing their splendid manhood into the fight against corruption at the source of power-the ballot box, that ought to be as sacred as the sacrament. Keep the battle above the clouds, gentlemen. Let it be fought not in the interest of partisanship, but ideal citizenship and untarnished franchise. There are men who believe the laws were made to protect the people and to punish wrong, and who stand like Gibraltar against the forces of evil Men who are a great moral power whose influence is state wide, jurists like our distinguished guest, Judge Brumm, and Judge Henry A. Fuller. of Luzerne county; men like the uncompromising fearless Chas. E. Hughes, Governor of New York.

Great Bend Postoffice Robbed. Daring "yeggmen" robbed the Great Bend postoffice Monday evening of \$250 in stamps and cash. The extreme boldness with which the men worked resulted in the success of the robbery.

A large pane of glass in the front of the building was cut out shortly after 8 o'clock, thus affording entrance.

Quite a few people were passing to and fro on Main street at this hour. but no one noticed the robbers at work.

Postmaster Trowbridge had left the postoffice but a few minutes before the robbery. The robbers worked with all deftness, displaying a perfect knowledge of the interior oi the building.

It was but shortly after the rob-The planet Mars will be the future

quiries at the Magloskie home he learned that the parties who secured money in that city, representing themselves as friends of the Magloskle family, were imposters and that no one had been authorized or sent out to solicit contributions. The

death of Mr. Magloakie last week was a severe shock to the family and the news that parties purporting to be friends were using such despicable means of obtaining money is Very much regretted by them, and they sincerely hope that the parties will be arrested and severely punished.

A Week's Engagement.

The Price and Butler Company at the Lyric, commencing Tuesday, Dec. 28th, is one of the strongest popular priced attractions on the road. Their plays are all new this season, many of which have enjoyed metropolitan success and the management has spared no expense to duplicate the same. In conjunction with their dramatic offerings, high class vaudeville acts will be introduced. The opening play is a beautiful sensational comedy drama with special scenery, entitled "A Neglected Wife." On Tuesday night ladies will be entitled to the best seats in the house for fifteen cents.

Moving Day at the North Pole. Confusion reigns in Polarland, Where Santa Claus holds sway; hundred thousand million toys

Are boxed to send away, And Mrs. Claus and Santa too Are worried half to death

and have no time to eat or sleep, And scarce to draw their breath, While all the children cry and squall And fill the air with woe,

For mortal men have reached the Pole,

And Santa has to go.

The factory is miles around. And made of hardened snow, And all of Santa's helpers there Are little Esquimaux, Who paste and cut and saw

To make a hobbyhorse, a sled. A book, a game, a Teddybear, A little dolly's bed.

They see to work so skillfully Throughout the Arctic nights Because the place is all equipped With patent "Northern Lights."

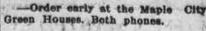


Now, strange as it may seem to you, Poor Santa Claus is shy, And so is Mrs. Santa Claus-

I'm sure I can't tell why, So, though they love the children well And like to see them play,

When grown-ups come too near to them

The Clauses move away. And as there is no spot on earth Where men can never go,



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which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken? We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day a merry and joyous circle. Many of the latter will find themselves detailed. hearts that throbbed so gaily then have ceased to beat; many of the looks that have shone so brightly then have ceased to glow; the hands the shape of boxes or packages from eyes we sought have hid their lustre in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smil- militate against his receiving meing faces, the jest, the laugh, the mentoes from the old hearthstone. most minute and trivial circummeetings crowd upon our mind at mas." each recurrence of the season, as if shared with the soldier's cronies if yesterday. Happy, happy Christmas, that wins us back to the delusion of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home.

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govern man to be called the father. The stamp drawers. sentiment of the United States to-day

Is it at all strange that we stop once a year for an evening to speak of their worth, and trace back to their source the influences that have made us what we are? We do not worship them, say some, but we revere them. We do not organize a cultus; we accept an inspiration. With sublime unconsciousness they were shaping institutions of which they never dreamed and without which we can neither understand nor maintain them. Out of the struggles and sacrifices of the past have come

the free state, the free church, the free school, and the free press. Let was characterized first of all by the God consciousness. The eternal was with him from morning 'till night, every day, and that supreme fact made life something tensely real and sacred, there is no greater used to-The twentleth century Puritan may not be as austere as was his ancestor, but he will not be an agnoson God's sovereignity, but oftener thinks of the divine fatherhood, yet unless a degenerate son of heroic ancestors' as Lowell calls him, he will cloud is not over his head, but the sunshine falls upon his face, still his everyday life will feel the baptismal touch of the divine presence and he will fear to do wrong. That is a touching and heatening picture Puritan character and by a few strokés of the pencil, tells the story at the home altar, as he asks the divine blessing upon them all. Our tread is softer and our lives less sordid as we read it. Is there any sordid as we read it. Is there any parties soliciting aid and knowing better preparation for the day than that the circumstances of the Mag-kneeling before the great white loskie family were not such as to throne?

Dr. Swift dwelt at length upon the sed for civic righteousness and made

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The authorities were notified, also at Scranton of the robbery, and the officials at once took up the work of running down the fugitives.

The fact that the robbery was dis covered before the "yeggmen" had opportunity to gain much of a start leads to the hope that they may be captured.

After the robbery several residents of this place remembered suspicious characters loitering about the vicinity of the postoffice during the morning and afternoon. It is believed that the individuals were the robbers, who were familiarizing themselves with the location of the postoffice.

It is the belief of the officials that the "yeggs" were experts. This is substantiated by their mode of operation and clever get away. There are several railroads within easy distance of Great Bend, either one of which the robbers could have taken to escape. Railroad detectives at all stations were ordered to be on the lookout.

DID NOT SEEK ASSISTANCE.

Parties Purporting to be Friends of Magloskie Family in Prompton Secured Money From Local Men.

For the past few days parties have been soliciting aid from the local business men of Carbondale on the pretext that it was for a family named Magloskie in Prompton. Last week Frank Magloskie was killed and the parties on the pretension of being close friends of the Magloskie family placed before the merchants they visited a very pathetic story and painted the circumstances of the bereaved family in such a pitiful manner that a substantial sum was collected in a very short time.

Frank Hollenback, for whom Mr Magloskie had worked, heard of the require contributions from the pub-lic, he decided to investigate the mat-ter thoroughly. After making in-

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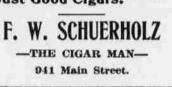
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Nothing fancy--Just Good Cigars. But though he soon will live on

Up in the sky so blue, To children whom he loves on earth Old Santa will be true; And when next Christmas comes

He surely will appear, Though in an airship he will ride, Instead of sledge and deer. He'll leave his presents and be gone

before the peep of light, To bring good cheer to little ones And make their Christmas bright.



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