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THE FAKE SANTA CLAUS.
A crusade has been begun in Philadel-
phia against the fake Santa Claus
—the flash-and-blond Santa Claus of
the department store window and
the street corner, who, as the holiday
season approaches, is used as a decoy for
youngsters and as a reminder to parents
that the purchase of Christmas
toys and the bestowal of Christmas
largess are in order.

Santa Claus exists in a very real
way in the minds of millions of wide-
eyed, trustful children. But he exists
as a spirit, as do the fairies whose
wands transform hovels into castles
and tatters into robes of purple. The
child who carves in the wax and
figures of the cotton-battling win-
ners that stands in the shop window
of the crowded street is a reminder
of the good Saint Nick of his dreams
and his mother's stories is loved, a
remarkable and an abnormal youngster.
The child who needs such gross mas-
terfulism to aid his understanding of
the legend has wholly failed to grasp
what Santa Claus means.

Twentieth century commercialism
has destroyed many beautiful illusions
that had better been left untouched.
Let its grasping hand step short
of shattering the foundations of childish
faith. The department store Santa
Claus is an abomination—the symbol
of those qualities of mind and heart
that are the direct antithesis of that
for which the real Santa Claus stands.
He has nothing to do with the spirit
of Christmas. He should be abolished.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.
Just why any intelligent voter
should scratch the electoral ticket in
an election for president of the United
States—who there should be a ballot
for electors of different parties or
one than the tall number of electors
of one party—is a matter that is not
easy to understand. But the fact
that thousands of voters do cast such
ballots is attested by the returns from
every state in the union at every presi-
dential election.

Plenty of Pie for Soldiers.
San Antonio, Nov. 28.—Nearly 5,000
pies and 2,500 cakes are being baked
by the housewives of San Antonio to-
day for the 15,000 soldiers at Fort Sam
Houston and Camp Wilson. The Rotary
club is sponsoring the plan. The
soldiers will have turkey and all the
"fixings" supplied by the government,
which will make a substantial Thanksgiv-
ing meal.

president and vice president was not
considered possible. The people were
to have no concern except to vote for
electors and the electors were to cast
about for the right man to make
president.

For nearly a hundred years the
electoral college has been about the
most useless piece of mechanism in
the machinery of our government.
The federalistic idea of a special class
of men better fitted than the mass to
name the ruler of the nation was
short-lived. But it was found more
convenient to get around the obstacle
than to remove it—it was easier
to nominate and elect electors pledged
in advance to vote for a previously
nominated candidate than it was to
amend the constitution by abolishing
the electoral college. Consequently
the electoral college has continued, an
anachronism standing as a monument
to a dead-and-gone theory of government.

There have been divided electoral
votes given by certain states in a
number of elections of recent years,
but always the electoral majority for
the successful candidate has been so
large that the phenomenon attracted
little attention and caused no agitation
for a change in the system of
electing presidents. But the closeness
of the election this year and the fact
that one elector won or lost to
one of the close states might well
have turned the scale as between Wilson
and Hughes have caused a general
fire to be centered on the electoral
college and have given rise to a demand
that that institution be
abolished.

The electoral college has no friends
and neither party is wedded to it as
a matter of political policy or expedi-
ency. Active leadership in opposi-
tion to it is all that is needed for its
fall. It stands as a potential in-
strument to defeat the will of the
people and it should be relegated to
the scrap-heap.

Wilson made a "poreh campaign"
at Shadow Lawn and lost the entire
east. Hughes made stump speeches
from Detroit to the Pacific coast and
lost the entire west. What's the
answer?

THE NEXT CONVENTION.
The 1916 convention of the New
Mexico Educational association has
been an unqualified success. The at-
tendance has been large, there has
been real enthusiasm on the part of
the delegates, and untold good has
been accomplished.

The Journal congratulates the people
of Santa Fe upon the admirable
manner in which the big crowd was
handled and upon the smoothness
that attended all the arrangements
for the convention. The traditional
hospitality of the capital city was
never better exemplified. Santa Fe
has reason to be proud of herself, as
the rest of the state is proud of her.

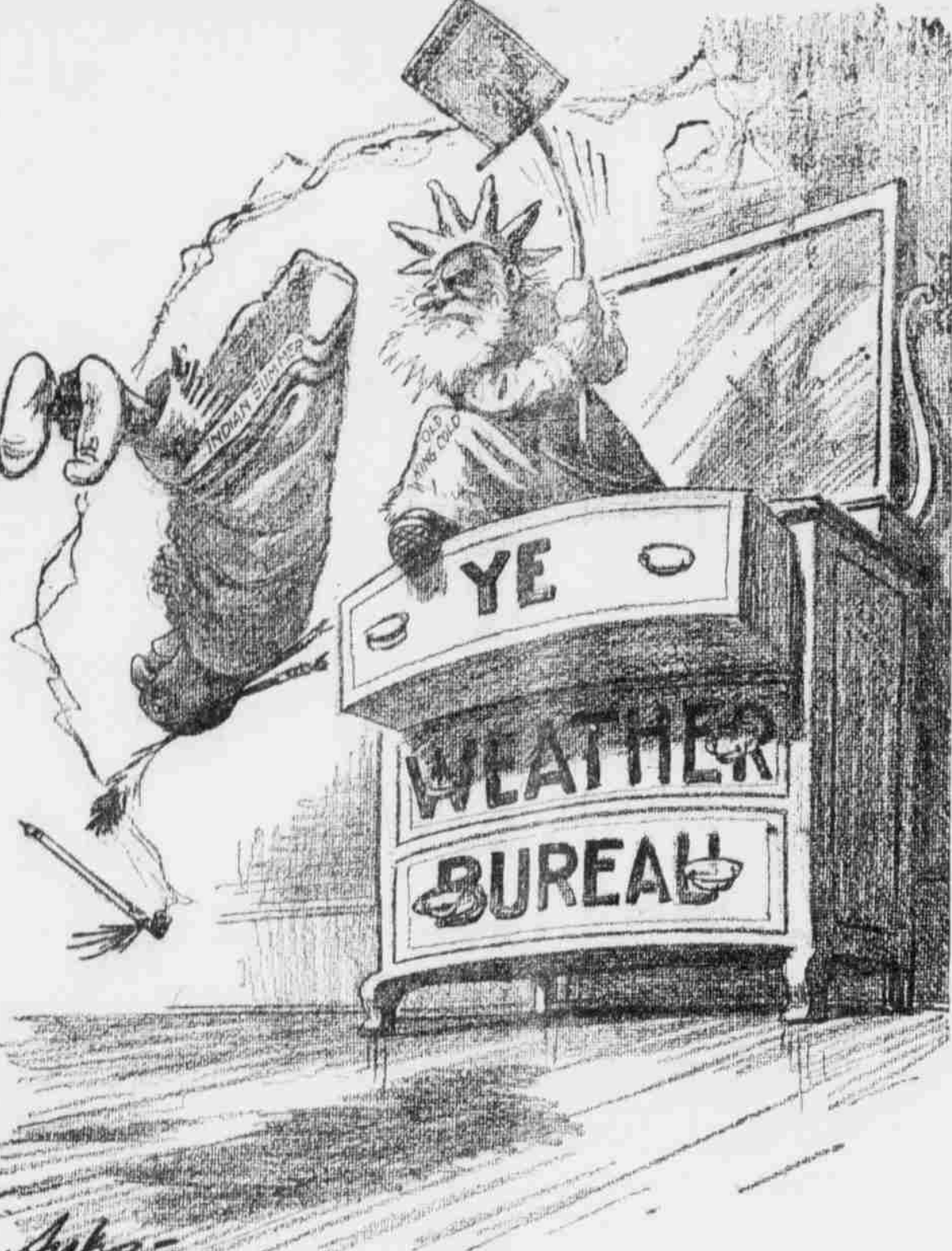
The arguments in favor of Albu-
querque as a convention city have
been advanced too often in the past
to need reiteration now. It is only
necessary to say that if the conven-
tion is held here next year Albuquerque
citizens will endeavor to surpass
even their former efforts in behalf
of the comfort and entertainment of
the visitors.

The teachers have been to Albu-
querque and they have been to Santa
Fe. Both cities have given their best
for the teachers. It is now for the
teachers to say where they will hold
the convention in 1917.

A correspondent writes to ask if
Paulbanks has congratulated Mar-
shall. What would he congratulate
him about?

But will the people who lost bets
on the election be expected to con-
gratulate those who won them?

WHICH OUGHT TO MAKE THE COAL MAN SMILE



With Scissors and Paste

ETERNITY IS NOW.
(James Huncker in New York Sun.)
Schopenhauer and his mystic wish
to live are both rather amusing sur-
vivals of antique animism. The prob-
lem is not whether we can do what
we want to do, but whether we can
will what we want to will. But the
illusion of individual freedom of will
is the last illusion to be abandoned.

A POLITE DOUBT.
McClure's Magazine.
A fond parent was telling Oliver
Herford of the really bright remark of
her 3-year-old daughter.
Herford was much impressed.
"How old did you say little Lena
is?" he asked.

AT 42 MOTHER OF 29.
(Sharpshoot Magazine.)
Elizabeth Muller, colored, wife of
Oliver M. Scriber, near this town,
gave birth a few days ago to her 29th
child, 14 of whom are living. She has
given birth to twins four times, two
pairs of which were born within 11
months. The couple have been mar-
ried 25 years and the mother is now
42 years old. Her father was Hos-
rod Pinkett of Lester Manor, Va., a
descendant of the Roanoke Indians.

THE DIAZ SYSTEM.
(Los Angeles Times.)
President Porfirio Diaz adopted a
system which during his rule checked
and practically extinguished brigandage
in Mexico.

WE CAN CONQUER THIS WORLD!
(Lantern.)
We can conquer this world and the
rest by indifference to all who are
indifferent to us by taking justice
for what is a bull's head beyond our
reach than for a draught of water
from the Ganges, and by fearing nothing
in another life.

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Electric Heat for Canada's
Capital.
(Ottawa Globe.)
The committee in charge of the
reconstruction of the Parliament buildings
in Ottawa has recommended that
the buildings be heated by electricity.

THE PALACE OF THE GODS.
(Michael Pathos.)
You see, it is not for the rich and
intellectual to gain the poses of the
poor. They do it every day and
still have plenty of time over to con-
demn the ignorant, imprudent and
vice of the poor.

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Stranded Steamer Reaches Port.
North Sydney, U. S. Nov. 28.—The
steamer Pro Patria, which was
stranded at Fort Point last night,
arrived at this port today, apparently
undamaged. It was at first reported
that the steamer was the Americus, a
vessel which is said to have called for
help in radiograms picked up by shore
stations. No word has been received
here of such a steamer.

SCOUND IN NO DANGER.
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 28.—According
to dispatches received today at the
naval station at Tatoosh, the Nor-
wegian steamer Nils Nielson, reported
yesterday to be in distress, is in no
danger. The message stated that the
coast guard cutter Spohmbush was ex-
pected to pick up the vessel shortly.

INVENTS WIRELESS TELEPHONE.
(New York Herald.)
A company has been formed in
Stockholm to exploit a Swedish in-
vention for wireless telephony. Es-
sential to it is said, have demonstra-
tions. This communication is easy at
a distance of 1,000 kilometers, and also
between aviators and persons on the
ground or in air.

CONQUEST.
All thoughts of ill, all evil deeds,
That have their root in thought, of
ill.
Whence hinder or impede
The action of the matter will
All these or first be trampled down
Beneath the feet of his would-lead
In the broad fields of fair renown,
The right of eminent domain.
—Longfellow.

STRAY RIFLE BULLETS
STRIKE HOSPITAL SHIP
New Orleans, Nov. 28.—Stray rifle
bullets from a rifle fired on the Brit-
ish steamer Scythian off the Loyalist
line, found in from Liverpool, pierced
the smokestack of the public health
service ship Neptune on Saturday, at
the mouth of the Mississippi. The
Neptune reported the affair today.

GOT SMALL SALARY BUT
MANAGED TO FLY HIGH
New York, Nov. 28.—With the pro-
ceeds of alleged speculations amount-
ing to \$125,000, Adolph J. Loeffler, a
47-year-old grocery clerk organized a
chain of cigar stores in various and
on these earnings lived in a fine
apartment, owned two automobiles
and employed a chauffeur, according
to a confession which the police assert
he made today after his arrest on a
charge of forgery.

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