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MOON'S PHASES— Full Moon, 4th; Last Quarter, 12th; New Moon, 19th; First Quarter, 25th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Continued fair weather is indicated for Friday, with somewhat lower temperature to-night.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, slightly cooler to-night. Friday fair. Gentle to moderate north to northeast winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 74; lowest, 48; 8 a. m., 49; 8 p. m., 62.

FEW UNOCCUPIED FARMS IN THE STATE

There are only 106 unoccupied farms in Pennsylvania, according to a bulletin just issued by the State Department of Agriculture. Owners have either been unable to make these properties productive or have been seized with a desire for city life. Their location and description are given in the bulletin, the department hoping that they may be sold and properly developed as Pennsylvania cannot afford to have them lying idle.

The number of unoccupied farms is diminishing since the "farm advisers" have been sent throughout the state giving free expert advice on all matters relating to farms, marketing, produce, soil, fruit and home economics. Three thousand farms have thus been visited this year and every branch of agriculture explained by the advisers.

Hundreds of letters received at the department testify to the financial value of such advice, many of the farmers writing that by following the directions of the experts they have made more than \$1,000.

The fact is 106 unoccupied farms is a remarkably small number for a state covering the vast amount of territory Pennsylvania covers. It must be remembered, too, that all the farm land in this state is not of the fertile sort that is found in Dauphin, Lancaster and other counties in this immediate vicinity. Rocky and mountainous soil in many Pennsylvania districts presents problems for farmers that few city folk, perhaps, can appreciate, and it is remarkable indeed that the number not under cultivation is so small. The small number of idle Pennsylvania farms is particularly impressive when compared with the vast areas of deserted farm lands in some sections of neighboring New York state.

OLD NEW YORK'S TRADE TERCENTENARY

The city of New York, most important of America's municipalities and in many respects leader of the cities of the world, will next week celebrate the tercentenary of its commerce and trade. The States General of the Netherlands three hundred years ago granted charters for trade and exploration, charters which provided the foundation for New York's present day tremendous trade and commerce. The celebration next week will include elaborate pageants, in which Commerce and Peace will be symbolized, followed by trade exhibits.

Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York" begins its narrative with the creation of the world. In a broad sense, New York's history began with that event. Influences have been operative through all time for the shaping of the destiny of this great municipality, this modern example of the wonders which can be achieved by a community of men. The glories of ancient Rome and Greece, safe enough confined to text books, would be diminished indeed if placed visibly side by side with the wonders of twentieth century New York.

Statistics about New York City, with its five boroughs, are always startling. In this one municipality 5,646,966 souls are harbored. Manhattan borough alone has a greater population than Chicago; the Bronx is larger than Detroit; Brooklyn equals Philadelphia; Queens is equivalent to Minneapolis, and Richmond borough is like Albany, the capital of the state, in size. New York is a city of cities overlapping one another to compose a tremendous whole. London numbers a million fewer souls within its own county than the number of souls in New York.

In the great American city a child is born every

four minutes, a soul passes away every seven minutes and a marriage ceremony is performed every ten minutes. A new building goes up every forty minutes, adding almost \$200,000,000 annually to the assessed property value. Although the city covers only one-fourth of the area of the state of Rhode Island it is greater in population than any of the states in the country save Pennsylvania and Illinois. Its growth is not outward but upward and downward.

The nation is proud of its New York. The giant city does not belong to itself nor to its state but to the entire country. It is a clearing house for America's great financial and commercial activities. More than one-fourth of all the income tax paid in the United States is collected below Fourteenth street, New York City. As a seaport the city is the mightiest in the world. From 80 per cent. of all the cities in the United States travelers can go to New York without changing cars.

Dutchmen started New Amsterdam's commerce three hundred years ago. Early New Amsterdam could be lost in one of present-day New York's office buildings. Yet the start was essential. The foundation had to be laid upon which American thrift could build. Americans have made old New York what it is to-day, and Americans take pride in the accomplishment. The city and the nation will next week join in celebrating the tercentenary of the commerce and trade of New York and the United States.

If anybody has any real campaign thunder it will soon be time to turn it on.

It will be interesting to note how long it will be after the American forces are withdrawn from Vera Cruz before it will be necessary to send them back.

Former President Taft has trust in the Washington administration notwithstanding the apparent lack of confidence indicated by some Republicans of less prominence.

Now they want to make the city commissioners' terms four years instead of two. That might be all right, especially as they are proposing to make it easier to exercise the recall privilege of the Clark Act.

The city solicitors who are members of the committee of the League of Third Class Cities that is framing amendments to the commission form of government law to be submitted to the next Legislature, declined to vote on the proposition to tax lawyers; but the mayors on the committee went right ahead and "put one over" on the municipal legal advisers.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

AGILE PARENT

"Papa, what is an escutcheon?"
"Why?"
"This story says there was a blot on his escutcheon."
"Oh, yes! An escutcheon is a light-colored vest. He had probably been carrying a fountain pen."—Houston Post.

THE REASON

During a military review at Aldershot last summer one of the foreign attaches had made himself obnoxious to several staff officers by asking ridiculous and often impertinent questions. At last he caught a Tartar. Turning to an old infantry officer, he said:
"How is it, colonel, that your bugle call 'Advance' is so very short, while the 'Retreat' is just the reverse?"
"Because, sir," replied the veteran, "when a British soldier goes into action it only needs a little note from a bugle to make him advance anywhere, but it takes a whole brass band to make him retreat!"—London Tit-Bits.

BLAME THE CAT, ANYWAY

Mistress—"What! The cream all gone again? I really cannot understand it."
Servant—"Please, mum, the cat."
Mistress—"Nonsense, when we haven't one."
Servant—"But please, mum, you said as you was a-going to get one."—Exchange.

ABSOLUTE PROOF

"Do yer love me, 'Erb?"
"Love yer, Liz, I should jest think I does. Why, if yer ever gives me up I'll murder yer. I can't say more'n that, can I?"—Punch.

REVENGE

"Are our theatre seats next the aisle?"
"No; they are at the extreme end of the row next to the wall."
"Then we'll go late."—Exchange.

TOO EASY

Harry—"Marry me and your smallest wishes will always be fulfilled."
Carrie—"I am able to do that myself. What I want is a man who will gratify my biggest wishes."—Town Topics.

HE KNEW THE MULE

Ephum Johnson was up before the judge on a cruelty to animals charge.
"Deed Ah wasn't abusin' dat mule, Jedge," the old man demurred.
"Did you not strike it repeatedly with a club?"
"Yessah."
"And do you not know that you can accomplish more with animals by speaking to them?"
"Yessah; but dis critter am diff'nt. He am so deaf he can't heah me when Ah speaks to him in de usual way, so Ah has to communicate wid him in de sign language."—Exchange.

VEILED WISDOM

"What are you laughing at, dear?"
"I was just thinking how you used to sit and hold my hand for an hour at a time before we were married. How silly you were."
"I wasn't silly at all. I held your hand to keep you away from the piano."—Exchange.

MEAN

Mr. Scribe is a great rusher after compliments. Having given, by request, a reading from his own works to some ladies, he said afterwards to one of them:
"It was very cruel of you, I think, to make me stand up there and read my own stuff."
"Ah," replied the young woman, "but you had your revenge, Mr. Scribe. You must have seen that we were compelled to listen."—Exchange.

UNDERSERVED

The cannibal picked his teeth reflectively. "Of course," he observed, "I have eaten worse specimens than the late Governor, but—"
He selected a cigar with a perfect shape.
"—I can't understand why they always said 'Your Excellency' when they addressed him."—Fun.

Tongue-End Topics

"Hans" Wagner as State Official

When the State Fisheries Commission meets in Harrisburg soon, as contemplated by Commissioner Buller, among those who will be present for the first time will be General John P. Wagner, of Carnegie, Pa. General Wagner is known as "Hans" Wagner, the greatest baseball player in his day in the country, for years the mainstay of the Pittsburgh National League club and often head of the batting list when the averages are made out. As shortstop on the diamond "Hans" is without an equal anywhere. Last summer, when a vacancy occurred in the Fisheries Commission, Governor Tener, knowing that Mr. Wagner was an authority on fishing, appointed him to fill the vacancy, and at the next meeting of the Commission he will sit for the first time. As a member of the Commission "Hans" will receive no salary, but his expenses will be paid. As a member of the famous Pirates team Mr. Wagner draws down a salary said to be little short of \$10,000. He can afford to take a day off to fish.

The Genial Senator Thompson

Senator Joseph Henry Thompson, of Beaver county, was an attendant at the Board of Pardons session this week, having a murder case to argue. He is known as one of the most genial and courteous Senators. There's a reason. He was born in Ireland. He came to this country in 1889, removing to Beaver county in 1898. It wasn't long before his Irish blood asserted itself and he was in a fight, for, being a member of the fighting Tenth regiment he went with that command to the Philippines and had his share of the Manila battle. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and was one of its football stars. After leaving the university he acted as coach for the team and made it one of the best in the country.

Senator Salus Seeks Re-election

Senator "Sam" Salus, of Philadelphia, was a visitor to the Capitol this week, and met many friends. Senator Salus represents the Second Philadelphia district, and has the nomination of the Republican, Keystone and Roosevelt Progressive parties for re-election this year. As a member of the House in 1905, he introduced the obnoxious newspaper libel bill suggested by Governor Pennypacker, which was designed to prevent the criticising of the acts of men in public life, and which has seldom been employed in the courts as it was meant to be by its author, Senator Grady, who introduced the bill in the Senate, was long ago retired to private life, but Senator Salus seems to "light on his feet" every time he runs for office. If elected this year, it is understood, he will be a candidate for President pro tem. of the Senate at the close of the session of 1915.

Old Friends Greet Alter

Speaker George E. Alter, who presided over the House of Representatives during the last session and kept order in a mighty turbulent House, had business with the Public Service Commission this week, and met many friends at the Capitol, for he has many. He was one of the most popular Representatives ever sent from Allegheny. Mr. Alter is not a candidate for re-election this year, having decided to stay home and attend to his law practice. He has not left the political arena however, and was quite active in his support of Dimmick, for United States Senator against Penrose in the primaries.

GET RID OF HUMORS AND AVOID SICKNESS

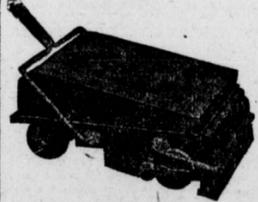
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URGE FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS

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ordinances, except those as otherwise provided for in the act, cannot be passed without the affirmative vote of three members.

The Clark act in its present form has been interpreted by some city solicitors to mean that a mayor may succeed himself while others say he cannot. The committee suggests that the act should be so changed as to remove all question as to the rights of mayors to serve one, two or more terms, this suggestion being made in view of the fact that the mayors do not have full appointive and dismissal powers over the police.

Under the plan to extend the terms of the Commissioners from two to four years, four Commissioners would be elected in the fall of 1915, the two receiving the highest number of votes to have four-year terms and the other two, terms of only two years. Every two years thereafter two Commissioners only would be elected.

A special sub-committee composed of E. P. Schoonmaker, of Bradford; Mayor Ira W. Stratton, of Reading, and City Solicitor A. A. Cochran, of Chester, will draft the amendment under which it is proposed to place the police and fire departments under civil service. Mayor Ira J. Stern, of Erie, suggested that a civil service commission should be composed of the Mayor, City School Superintendent and City Health Officer.

The Referendum Feature

The amendment to the referendum feature will be prepared by H. P. Keiser, of Lebanon. The committee-men said they thought the change should be so made as to make it possible to have an ordinance, passed by a city commission, referred to the vote of the people, by filing a petition signed by less than twenty per cent. of the voting population as required now. No fixed percentage was specified.

The plan to urge extension of the terms of the city solicitors and city engineers was adopted by a unanimous vote of the committee. Section 8 of Article 4 of the Clark act provides that a person who shall give or offer money or any other valuable consideration to a member of a commission for the purpose of influencing that official shall be guilty of bribery. James A. Gardner, City Solicitor of New Castle, will frame an amendment to that section prohibiting making such offers to "any or all city officers or employees."

Cities would be permitted to erect municipal boat and bath houses under an amendment offered by Mayor Stern, of Erie, and adopted by the committee. After Mayor Stern offered another amendment, under which lawyers, doctors and other professional men would be liable to taxation, City Solicitor Seitz, of Harrisburg, wanted to know "whether it is a revenue measure or a license under police powers?"

Lawyers Decline to Vote

Mayor Stern said he didn't know, and Mr. Seitz added: "If it is a revenue measure, how can you fix the amount of tax at \$100,000 if it is under police powers, it will mean the inspection and regulation of those persons and their offices by the police." On the vote taken four Mayors favored the amendment and the lawyers refused to oppose it, many saying, "we will not vote."

Mayor Royal, of Harrisburg, offered the amendment extending the penalty for violation of city ordinances from thirty to ninety days. The committee adopted his suggestion by a vote of 10 to 2. The Erie Mayor opposed the suggested change, saying that an alderman frequently holds police court in his city and "he is too severe."
The plan to change the date of beginning the fiscal year back from January 1 to April 1 was defeated, and Solicitor Gardner was directed to frame an amendment under which if the tax year will be changed, either from August 1 to May 1 or two collection dates will be fixed, one for half the tax, to be about April 1, and the other on June 1.

The committee took no action with respect to creating the office of city manager to have executive powers over all city departments leaving the commission with legislative powers only. The matter will in all probability be considered at another meeting of the committee to be held in December.

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SOLITARY LIFE IN JAIL

It Has Finally Wrecked the Mind of Jesse Pomeroy

That Jesse Pomeroy, the solitary life prisoner at Charlestown prison, has at last broken mentally under the strain of his years of confinement, became evident during the recent visit of Governor Walsh to the institution.

When the Governor, in his inspection, stopped before the cell in Cherry Hill and the guard drew aside the iron shutter which has cut off Pomeroy from all communication with even the rest of his prison world, a strange thing occurred.

Pomeroy for the first time that he had been brought in contact with a chief executive since his imprisonment did not ask for a pardon or protect his innocence. He instead told the Governor that he had a bank book he wanted to send his mother, but could not do so because of red tape.

Officers at the prison for some time have known that Jesse has considered himself immensely wealthy. The Governor asked Pomeroy where the bank book was, and Pomeroy replied that it was in the prison office. He further said that he had written to the prison authorities about the bank book several times, but had received no satisfaction. The Governor promised he would look after the bank book.

For thirty-six years Pomeroy has been kept in solitary confinement, and many alienists have given opinions regarding what effect it would have upon his sanity. It is now believed that Pomeroy has weakened mentally under the strain.—Boston Post.

Where Dollars Originated

Joachimsthal, near Carlsbad, is historic as the birthplace of the original dollar. This was the silver gulden-groschen, coined in 1519 by order of Count Schlick from the metal of a recently opened mine, and it became known as the Joachimsthaler, or "thaler" alone for short. Before 1600 the nimble English language had already made "dollar" of this. Thereafter this name was loosely used of all manner of coins, varying in value from 75 cents to \$1.25 and belonging to 75 nations of countries, from Sweden to Japan. It was from the prevalence of the Spanish "dollar" in the British-American colonies at the time of their revolt that the modern "almighty dollar" was derived, while in modern English very recent slang has given the name to the crown piece.

Potatoes Potatoes

Just received a carload Potatoes, packed 2 bushel, 120 lbs., in bag.

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