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Calendar for November 1914 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 30.

MOON'S PHASES

Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th; New Moon, 17th; First Quarter, 24th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Sunday. Warmer to-night, colder Sunday afternoon or night.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and warmer to-night. Sunday fair, colder in north portion. Moderate southeast winds becoming southwest.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG

Highest, 52; lowest, 42; 8 a. m., 43; 8 p. m., 45.

THE JACKIES AND THE PRESS AGENT

Secretary Daniels, of the Navy Department, has, we fear, unwittingly played into the hands of a clever press agent, just as many a good man has done before him.

Action was begun against the theatre under a section of the Penal Code dealing with discrimination against sailors in uniform. In most cases of this kind the public sympathy is with the boys in blue.

In the present instance the theatre management contends that at least two of the bluejackets were not in proper condition to enter the theatre. That is possible and the court will decide whether it is true.

It is a clever press agent who can involve a Cabinet officer in a theatre "story." Just think of the increased box office receipts if all the newspapers were to print the name of the theatre!

RESPECT THE "NUMBER-PLEASE" GIRLS!

Telephones to-day occupy a place in the business and social life of cities and rural districts that is foremost among the places of importance occupied by public utilities, and the "hello" girls, or more strictly speaking, the "number-please" girls, are inseparably a part of the great telephone systems.

At first only men were employed as operators. That was when the telephone was in a somewhat experimental stage. The men were tried out and found wanting. They did not seem to fit in very well with telephone exchanges.

So the vocation has been turned over to the girls, and how well they are doing their work! Of course there are snappy operators heard from occasionally, but the trouble, if there is any, generally starts with the patrons. Operators who make a custom of discourtesy do not long remain operators.

The "number-please" girls in city "centrals" are not selected at random for their important positions. There are to-day training schools for tele-

phone operators just as there are for school teachers. The course is short, including little more than a month, but it is thorough. The girls who are chosen to occupy chairs at the switchboards must meet the qualifications of good health, good sight, good hearing, good education and good temper.

Telephone girls have on occasion shown wonderful fortitude. They have stuck to their posts facing floods and braving flames, that they might send frenzied calls over the wire warning families of danger or calling for help from nearby places.

Persons who lose their tempers over the telephone are addressing their superiors when they talk to patient, unruffled "number-please" girls, whether they realize it or not.

If we had thought of it in time we might have quarantined the spell-binders who were suffering from "mouth disease" before election.

Mercury has got safely across the face of the sun and even with his winged feet he will not be back to undergo the scorching again for thirty-nine years.

"Steel Mills Employing 200,000 Men to Resume in Pittsburgh District," say headlines in the "Harrisburg Telegraph." And think of it, under a Democratic tariff!

Some of our erstwhile law-makers will be missed in the next session of the Legislature, not so much because of their statesmanlike qualities as because of the noise they made.

The Carlisle Indian School bandmen who thought they marched fourteen and one-half miles during the recent firemen's parade in Harrisburg, must have an exaggerated idea of the size of this city.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

HE HAD A "YOE"

Ole wandered into the revival a little late and sat in a rear pew. A "worker," reaching him, inquired: "My friend, don't you feel like going to work to-night in the vineyard of the Lord?"

"No, Ay tank not; Ay yust got a yoe in the foundry,"—Ginger.

CHAMBERLAIN AS AN ORATOR

At one time the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain used to rehearse some of his oratorical efforts in private beforehand, declaiming his speeches aloud and waving his arm emphatically. One day he was much annoyed to find that a valuable orchid in one of his greenhouses had been damaged, and he at once gave orders to his head gardener that strangers were not to be shown through the houses.

"I will not have my orchids exposed to danger," he said. "I suppose you didn't happen to see this one broken?" "Yes, I did," replied the gardener. "You saw somebody break this orchid and you said nothing!" "I—I didn't like to," replied the gardener, hesitating. Mr. Chamberlain could scarcely believe his own ears.

When the conversation at a social affair in Washington turned to anecdotes of the schoolroom, Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, was reminded of an incident along that line. Some time ago the supervising principal of a school in the suburbs paid a visit to the fifth grade, and, in speaking to the youngsters, he gave them some instruction on the circulation of blood.

"Now, children," said he, trying to make the point clearer, "if I should stand on my head the blood would run into it, as you know, and I would turn red in the face."

"Then," continued the principal, "why is it that when I am standing in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" "Because," was the quick rejoinder of the aforesaid boy, "your feet ain't holler."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

AFTER HIS DINNER

The last minstrel stopped at a back door and said to the housewife who greeted him: "Give me something to eat, fair dame, and I will tickle your ears with a merry tale of romance." "But why not tell me the tale first?" the dame suggested.

"No, I must have the food and drink before I talk." Thereupon the dame slammed the door with the tart retort: "You're not a merry minstrel. You're only an after-dinner speaker."—Exchange.

THE ONLY ONE POSSIBLE

Pat had an argument with his wife's mother over domestic affairs, and the conversation became so heated that Pat was haled into court on a charge of disturbing the quiet of the county. "It pains me to think," said the magistrate, in reprimanding Pat, "that you should say an unkind word to your mother-in-law! I know a man who never disagreed with his mother-in-law in word, thought or deed! Never did he speak to her unkindly! Never did he—"

Tongue-End Topics

One Democratic Senator Re-elected The only Democratic State Senator re-elected last Tuesday was Henry Washers, of York, who seems to have retained his popularity in his home county. His neighbor, as the Senators were seated, was Senator James A. Miller, of Lehigh, who was a candidate for re-election on the Democratic ticket and suffered defeat.

Prizes For Engineer Students

To students of the leading engineering schools has been offered an opportunity to compete for \$1,000 in prizes for essays on highway construction. The subjects suggested cover a wide range, including: factors which should give the choice of types of pavements and roads and the materials used therein; an ideal paving program for a city of 25,000; economics of highway construction, and half a dozen related topics.

Focht Never Quit Fighting

The ever belligerent and bellicose "Beu" K. Focht, of Lewisburg, after an absence of two years from Congress, again goes to that body having gained a signal triumph in the "shoeing" district over the man who defeated him two years ago, Frank L. Dershem, a fellow-townsmen. Just as soon as the count was announced two years ago declaring his defeat, Mr. Focht began a canvass for renomination and re-election this year, and he has "kept everlastingly at it" until his reelection is now announced, and he is getting ready to go back to Washington, something that involves his temporary retirement from the editorship of one of the best newspapers in the Susquehanna valley, the Lewisburg "Saturday News."

The Race Not to the Swift

The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Swift, of Beaver, who served one term in the Legislature, as a Bull Mosser from Beaver, was up against a hard proposition in the last election. Although a leader in the Anti-Saloon League and a pronounced opponent of the sale of liquor, the prohibitionists declined to endorse him and put up two candidates of their own. Dr. Swift had but the one endorsement, that of the Washington party, and he went down in the general ruck. All of which goes to prove the old saw that "the race is not always to the swift." No cards.

DR. REED TO QUIT CHARGE

Former President of Dickinson College to Take Up Platform Work Wilmington, Del., Nov. 7.—The Rev. Dr. George Edward Reed, the present pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of this place, has announced his intention to retire from the pastorate of the church at the close of the current conference year in March. Dr. Reed, who retired from the presidency of Dickinson College after twenty-two years of service in July, 1911, came to Wilmington in the September following under engagement to supply the pulpit of Grace church for a month, and with no idea of longer service. He responded, however, to an invitation to continue his services for a second month, then for another, and finally accepted a call to become the permanent pastor, moving to the city in December, 1911. By the close of the conference year Dr. Reed will have served as pastor of the church for nearly four years.

It is hardly probable that Dr. Reed, though in vigorous health, will accept the pastorate of another church. Whether, after retirement in March, he will continue to live in Wilmington or return to his home in Harrisburg is a question upon which he has not as yet reached decision. In either event, however, his expectation is to engage in platform work, to be in a position to serve as a preacher on special occasions.

Three Centuries of Opera

Since 1597 careful estimate puts it that more than 30,000 operas have been staged in Europe and America. By a liberal estimate of all the operas ever composed not more than seventy-five are now alive and more or less popular.—Argonaut.

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CAPITOL HILL

TO PROSECUTE VIOLATORS OF THE PURE FOOD LAWS

Ordered by the Dairy and Food Division of the State Department of Agriculture During the Month of October

During October the Dairy and Food Division of the State Department of Agriculture ordered the prosecution of 41 violators of the pure food laws. In the list of prosecutions are those for selling sausage unfit for food, imitation lard, cold storage pork, fish and eggs not properly marked, cream and milk low in butter fat; non-alcoholic drinks sweetened with saccharine, artificially flavored and colored with aniline dyes, raspberry extract that never saw a berry, olive oil made of cotton seed, fruit, corn meal and fish unfit for food, stale eggs and eggs unfit for food purposes.

The total receipts of the Dairy and Food Bureau since January 1 were \$218,873.06, of which \$5,221.49 was taken in October from oleomargarine licenses and fines. Commissioner Johnson Back Insurance Commissioner Johnson, who had just finished his campaign work as treasurer of the Republican State Committee, came up from Philadelphia on Thursday and was very busy all day. His county of Montgomery swung back into the Republican column, and he is very happy over the result.

To Appoint Judge

Governor Tener will shortly appoint a judge to succeed the late Judge Melton, in Philadelphia. It is thought that Raymond McNeill will get the place as he is backed by the Vares.

Must Repair the Road

The Public Service Commission has ordered the West Kishacoquillas Turnpike Road Company to make certain improvements on its road, which is located in Millin county. The complaint was filed by S. Herman Zook, who alleged that the tolls were unjust, and that the road was not properly maintained. The Commission holds that, while the tolls are not excessive, the condition of the road is such as to require attention. The company will have to remove the breakers which now cross the road and substitute cross drains under the road surface, and must keep up a systematic and regular annual repair to the surface of the road by the addition of broken stone. This is the first turnpike complaint which the Commission has considered.

The Commission will hold a meeting in Philadelphia to-morrow to hear argument in the matter of the New York Central merger.

Alderman Appointed

Walter I. Izenberg was yesterday appointed alderman of the Seventh ward, Altoona, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

A Guide For Supervisors

The Bureau of Township Highways of the State Highway Department has just issued bulletin No. 8 of its series for the guidance of township supervisors. This bulletin outlines the work and purpose of the bureau, giving a summary of its operations and showing in a concrete way how system may advance the interests of their township by taking advantage of the opportunities afforded by the law under which the bureau is operating.

THE LYNBROOK TRAGEDY

A Two-act Drama of the Alice Joyce Series, at Photoplay To-day

Ruth Malloy, whose father has become a human derelict because of Vivian Gregg, a theatrical star, loves Mitchell, a young playwright. Ruth learns that Vivian is enslaving Mitchell. Despite her efforts, the girl is helpless to save him. Malloy drifts into town. He is filled with a determination to slay the human vampire and avenge his wrongs. Ruth comes upon her father just as he is in the act of aiming his pistol at the actress. Mitchell's eyes are opened. He sees in Malloy the fate which must be his unless he conquers his infatuation for Vivian Gregg. Ruth's love helps the boy. For the first time, Vivian Gregg, who has really grown to love Mitchell, realizes the depths of her infamy as she gazes upon the wreck that once was Malloy. Ruth, Mitchell and Malloy hear a shot. Rushing into the library, they find Vivian Gregg dead.

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THREE EXPERTS APPOINTED

Will Have Charge of Divisions in the Bureau Working Along Their Special Lines

Washington, D. C., Nov. 7.—Announcement has just been made of the appointment of three experts on the staff of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. They are designated as expert on sanitation, statistical expert and social service expert, and are to have charge of divisions in the Bureau working along these various lines.

The expert on sanitation, Dr. Grace L. Meigs, is a native of Illinois, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and of Rush Medical School (University of Chicago), and has done post-graduate work in foreign hospitals under such children's specialists as Professor Y. Pirquet of Vienna; Professor Finkelstein, of Berlin, and Professor V. Bokay, of Budapest. Dr. Meigs comes to the Children's Bureau from Cook County Hospital, of Chicago, where she has been an attending physician in children's diseases. She will act in a general advisory capacity to the Bureau in matters of child health and hygiene.

Frank S. Drown, the new statistical expert, a graduate of Dartmouth College, has been connected since 1904 with the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics, having been for the last five years chief statistician and in charge of all the Massachusetts Bureau's activities in the field of labor. He is a member of the American Statistical Association, the American Association for Labor Legislation, the American Economic Association, and the International Association on Unemployment. His work in the Children's Bureau will be to take charge of the tabulation of material gathered in the various field inquiries of the Bureau, and in part to do the preliminary work in the preparation of such field studies. Thus his immediate work will be to determine upon a series of localities in which the inquiry into infant mortality will be carried forward and to precede the Bureau's field agents in such localities with a statement of the purposes of the inquiry.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure Made from Grape Cream of Tartar NO ALUM

A Joke of Mark Twain's The theatrical godfather of William Gillette was Mark Twain, who was a fellow townsman and a friend of his father. Mark Twain in referring to the matter said that when he used his influence to get young Gillette on the stage he thought he was playing a great joke on the management, for he did not think Gillette had the slightest aptitude for acting. But it turned out to be no joke after all. "I don't know," said Mark Twain, "which I like better—having Gillette make a tremendous success or seeing one of my jokes go wrong."

Myrtle Wedding Wreaths On her wedding day the Danish peasant girl wears a simple crown of myrtle with her national costume—varying with the district, but always charming—and pots of myrtle are carefully cherished by girlish hands through the long winters in anticipation of the great event.

By one good deed we uproot many a useless weed.

AGED MAN AS HE PLEADS NOT GUILTY IN CONSPIRACY CHARGE



WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. William Rockefeller has been indicted with other New Haven Railroad directors in connection with the conspiracy charges brought by the federal government. He appeared before Judge Rufus Foster, in the United States District Court, New York city, and entered a plea of not guilty. The accompanying snapshot shows Mr. Rockefeller leaving the Federal Building after making his plea.

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