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DECEMBER

Calendar for December 1914 showing days of the week and dates.

MOON'S PHASES

Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th; New Moon, 16th; First Quarter, 24th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow or rain to-night; Tuesday cloudy.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow or rain to-night; Tuesday cloudy; northeast gales shifting to northwest to-night and diminishing.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 41; lowest, 35; 8 a. m., 32; 8 p. m., 34.

CONGRESS AND THE PORK BARREL

The third session of the Sixty-third Congress, started at noon to-day, will probably run the full period until March 3, when it must end automatically.

In view of the fact that the appropriation bills are to be acted upon the present session of Congress will be one by which, in large measure, the degree of sincerity of the Democratic pledges for economies, made in the campaign which elected President Wilson, will be measured.

The Democrats in the House and the Senate will be wise not to become reckless in the expenditure of the nation's funds. This session will go a long way toward proving how sincere the Democrats were in their promises to effect economies and in that way may have important bearing on the success of Democratic members of Congress when they seek re-election.

The Law-makers in Washington should bear in mind that while the heavy war tax burden that has been imposed on the people is a very necessary one in view of the reduced revenues resulting from the struggle in Europe, over which, of course, this nation has no control, at the same time this is a hard burden for the country to bear.

PARIS THEATRES REOPENING

It may at first thought seem a bit incongruous to some persons that the Paris theatres are beginning to reopen, in view of the fact that France is in the grip of a war the horrible results of which are reflected daily in a thousand and one ways in the once gay capital; but, after all, why should not the people of Paris have the diversion that the theatre affords?

The Comedie Francaise and the Opera Comique have just given their first performances since the start of the war. Both houses were crowded to the utmost of their capacity. Patriotic programs aroused great enthusiasm, and what was the harm of it?

The best use to which the lighter and more amusing things of life can be put is to relieve the depression apt to be caused by the more serious things. Certain it is that Paris has seen enough of the serious side in recent months to be entitled to the stimulant of a little of the merriment that the theatres inspire.

LESS READING OF "GOOD" BOOKS?

That the reading of good books is losing pre-eminence as a pastime in this day and age, is the conclusion reached by a writer in a leading literary monthly of the country. He tells how the art of letter writing has disappeared since newspapers in their comprehensive reach have made unneces-

sary the recounting of events by individuals through correspondence; how the art of conversation has been on the ebb because of the many other ways of passing time in social gatherings which have of late years been adopted, and how likewise the reading of good books is declining with the increase in popularity of various other forms of amusement.

By "good" books this writer means works which, though not necessarily lacking in the qualities which entertain, are instructive in character. He refers to books on philosophy, theology, science and history.

Works of this sort were really popular half a century and a century ago. From various sources we learn that young people in the bygone days perused with zeal the deep and serious literature of the time. If comparison is then made with the present day, the conclusion is inevitable that there is a decided decline in the reading of such books.

When it comes to present day fiction, however, the decline in reading cannot be quite so much of a certainty. Novels, together with short stories, have taken a hold on men and women, young and old, and the increasing popularity of the magazines is proof, not of the people's interest in books, of course, but of their earnest appreciation of fiction, their love for reading regardless of cloth backs.

Yet the persons who deplore the decline in the perusing of "good" books, also deprecate the lively interest in fiction, so perhaps they have a right to be somewhat pessimistic.

DEPARTURE OF THE BASHFUL BOY

Where is he to-day,—the bashful boy we used to hear about? Reputable novelists have told of him, and occasionally we have seen him in life; yet he seems no longer to be among us. Has the bashful boy departed never to return?

If there are any blushing youths about Harrisburg, they must be secreting themselves in their homes with great success. They are not evident on the streets, in the schools, or in other public places. They are preserving their modesty nobly.

What has brought about the change in the disposition of boys toward their fellows and toward those of the opposite sex remains for students of psychology, or some such branch of learning, to explain. An opinion is ventured, without basis on accumulated facts, but merely as an opinion, that a big reason why boys have banished bashfulness is because girls to some extent had taken the lead in the same direction.

Bashfulness in boys is not a virtue, anyway, but is only the other extreme to boldness. Backward boys do not get very far very fast, until they brace up. If the bashful boys are passing away, there are few regrets to be recorded. It is only to be deplored that girls should have been the means of accomplishing it, if they have really done so, by themselves banishing shyness.

The drought has broken with a vengeance.

The announcement that the pork barrel will be eliminated from any consideration by the present Congress will lead some of the statesmen to ask "What are we here for?"

The large number of hunting accidents this year indicates that the fool who handles a gun carelessly was just as much in evidence as ever.

The Reading firebug who set fire to nine places "just to see the engines run" will soon be in a place where his keenest excitement will consist of looking through the bars.

It is hinted in Washington that the Interstate Commerce Commission is not likely to grant the application of the Eastern railroads for an increase in freight rates. There isn't much encouragement in that for those who are protesting against the increase in passenger rates, or for the railroads themselves that are struggling to make both ends meet.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS

Here is one that was told by Congressman Charles D. Carter, of Oklahoma, the other evening in demonstrating that it sometimes pays to be a little more explicit. Recently a man who lives in the West was notified over the telephone that a horse belonging to him had broken from the pasture and had been killed by the cars. Calling a farmhand, he told him to go to the meadows and skin the horse.

ASTRONOMICAL QUERY

Johnny was putting some questions to his father on the subject of astronomy, in the course of which he asked if the moon was inhabited.

PEACEFUL SLUMBERS

Duncan's wife had the reputation of being a first-class shrew. When Duncan died his neighbors put a tombstone over his grave with the epitaph, "Asleep in Peace." Widow Duncan was wild. It was meant as a slam at her and she knew it was.

NOT TO BE HURRIED

Suitor (waiting for the girl)—"Is your daughter coming out next winter?"

Father—"She'll come out when she's good and ready and if you git fresh I'll knock yer block off."

Tongue-End Topics

Played a Joke on This Hunter

When Paul Minutolo, proprietor of a barber shop at 107 1-2 South Second street, returned from a hunting trip late yesterday afternoon, he was both fatigued and disgusted. He told his friends that he had traveled far in search of game but had not sighted even a rabbit.

When his friends examined his game bag some time later, they found it contained the carcasses of what looked like a "cotton tail." Minutolo, they said would not believe their story and he went to investigate. He withdrew the "game" from the bag and, behold, it was a cat. Now he is on another hunting trip—to find the man who put the cat in the bag.

George Tener and the Slow Waiter

George Tener, brother of the Governor, is a man of few words and not given to much converse, albeit he is a dry wit. Recently he was with a party of friends dining at a Philadelphia hotel, and the party was in a hurry to get away to see the Army-Navy football game. The waiter to whom the order had been given was an inordinately long time in filling it, and the party grew impatient.

"Are you the waiter who took our order?" "Yezzir," answered the waiter.

He Recognized the Governor

Governor Tener was visiting an institution for the insane up State recently, and in walking over the grounds came across a gam: of baseball that was being participated in by some of the less insane of the patients. The man behind the bat must have been an old baseball player and he recognized the Governor. Waving his gloved hand to the Chief Executive, he shouted:

"Hey, Governor, doesn't this remind you of old times?"

Langham to Seek Judgeship

Congressman Langham, of the Indiana district, was here the other day on business connected with the Auditor General's Department, where he used to be the Chief Deputy.

"I have a few more months to serve in Congress," said Mr. Langham, "and then I am going to get ready for a campaign for the nomination for Judge of the Indiana courts. It is going to be somewhat of a contest, but I think I can win out."

And his many friends in Harrisburg hope he will.

The Yale Bowl and the Punch

Not the least interesting subject of discussion at the recent Harvard-Yale football contest in the new "bowl" at New Haven was the bowl itself. This tremendous arena was used for the first time. It seats 70,000 persons and every seat was taken, but even at that many thousands of persons who applied for seats had to be disappointed. Yale, it will be recalled, was badly beaten in that first game in the new bowl, the Crimson team running up a score greater than was ever before made against the Blue. In this connection a Yale alumnus from Harrisburg who attended the game tells of having remarked to a group of his friends who were for Harvard as they were leaving the scene of the contest that the bowl certainly was a wonderful place for staging a big football match.

To this one of his witty Harvard friends replied:

"Yes, Yale has got the bowl all right, but Harvard has the punch this year."

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LAST SESSION OF 63RD CONGRESS

Prominent Members Retiring

Among prominent House Democrats retiring are: Al Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, a member of the Ways and Means committee; Stanley E. Bowdler, of Ohio, who will return the seat he took from former Representative Nicholas Longworth; Robert J. Bulkley, of Ohio; John R. Cliney, of New York; Robert E. Diefenderfer, of Pennsylvania; Jeremiah Donovan, of Connecticut; Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama; Henry M. Goldfogle, of New York; Charles A. Korbly, of Indiana; Robert E. Lee, of Pennsylvania; George A. Neeley, of Kansas; Frank T. O'Hair, of Illinois, who will yield back the seat he took from former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon; John J. Mitchell, of Massachusetts, a member of the Ways and Means committee; Edward W. Townsend, of New Jersey, and many others. Of the Progressive organization in the House members who will be retired include the party leader, Victor Murdock, of Kansas; M. Clyde Kelly, W. J. Hutings and Henry W. Temple, all of Pennsylvania; James C. McLaughlin, of Michigan, and William H. Hinebaugh, of Illinois.

Cotton Relief Legislation

Leaders on all sides look forward to interesting developments over the naval and army appropriation bills because of agitation resulting from the European war. Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, has a

Home Doctor

(Clip out and save)

How to Cure Rheumatism Here is a prescription for rheumatism (to be mixed at home) used all over the U. S. for many years and said to be the surest known remedy; neutralizes acid in the blood and gives results after first dose. One ounce of Toris compound and one ounce syrup of Sarsaparilla. Put these two ingredients in half pint of whiskey. Use a tablespoonful before each meal and at bed time. Get ingredients at any drug store. Genuine Toris comes in one ounce sealed yellow packages.

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Don't experiment on a bad cough or cold. It is very risky. The following formula is the best at home makes one of the surest and quickest cough and cold remedies obtainable often curing the worst cough or cold in a day. Fine as medicine it is said as the Bible but here is best form: "Two ounces of Glycerine and half an ounce of Globe Pine Compound (Concentrated Pine). Add these to half pint of whiskey. Use a teaspoonful frequently as required. Smaller doses for children." Be sure to get the genuine Globe Pine Compound (Concentrated Pine). It is put up only in half ounce bottles each enclosed in a screw-top cap.

Sore Feet, Corns and Callouses Don't endure foot agony. Here is a remedy that keeps all hot sores in a hurry: It works through the pores, removing the cause. "Two tablespoonfuls of Caloide cream and warm foot bath." Gives instant relief for aching and sweaty feet; corns and callouses can be peeled right off. Specially effective for sore unions and frost bites. Large box of Caloide twenty-five cents at any drug store.

The bill for resolution directing Congressional investigation into the military preparedness of the United States for war.

The first calendar business before the House to-day was the cotton relief legislation urged by Representative Henry, of Texas, and others, who almost prevented adjournment of the last session by insisting on it.

A general waterway bill to establish a nation-wide system of broad scope, which has been endorsed by a committee of the cabinet, will probably be urged.

Rural Credits Legislation Many other important subjects are pending. Included in the list is the rural credits bill prepared at the last session. There have been intimations that the measure might not be pressed at the short session, the view being that at the Federal Reserve system should be given a chance to perfect itself before any other financial legislation should be undertaken.

Attention to Foreign Affairs Foreign affairs are certain to occupy attention of the Senate. The administration is said to desire action on the Nicaragua treaty, through which the United States would acquire another interoceanic canal route and naval station rights in the Bay of Fonseca for \$3,000,000.

In preliminary discussions of appropriations the estimates for the new Federal Trade Commission to supervise the business of industrial corporations are prominent. The board will be organized in the near future. President Wilson has said he will appoint its five members early in the winter. Lively debate also is expected over the river and harbor appropriation bill, which has been under consideration ever since the old bill was filibustered to death in the last session and a blanket appropriation of \$20,000,000 was substituted to carry on public works already under way.

In the main, however, it is believed that chief attention will have to be given to the usual supply bills of the government in order to complete them before this Congress ends by operation of law on March 4, next.

HIGH HONOR TO WISE DONOR

Giving is Doubly Pleasant if the Recipient Be Both Appropriate and Useful

Is there any task in the world more difficult to perform than to select holiday presents that are both useful and appropriate? Some seem to possess the peculiar knack of always giving just the right thing. A donor who possesses such wisdom is always held in the highest esteem by the recipient.

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Woman Dies in Minnesota

Lebanon, Dec. 7.—Mrs. George Faber, of Fergus Falls, Minn., died there on December 1, and the body has been shipped east for burial in Mt. Lebanon cemetery, where her husband was buried five years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Faber left here 40 years ago and settled in the West. She leaves a son, George Faber, and two daughters.

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THE GLOBE

Injured in Gunning Accident Lebanon, Dec. 7.—Harvey Boeshore, a baker, employed by E. A. Shand, of Jonestown, was severely injured on Saturday while on a hunting trip near his home. He was about to shoot at some game when his gun exploded,

seriously injuring his hand. The other part of the hand was also badly lacerated. The injured man was brought to this city and was sent to the hospital by Dr. W. P. Gerberich, where the wound was cauterized and one of the fingers amputated.

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