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DECEMBER

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MOON'S PHASES—

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

WEATHER FORECASTS



Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate north winds.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENSORS

The statement which comes from New York that women by the thousands are committing suicide in European countries because the censors have prevented news concerning their husbands, sons and brothers from reaching them, may be authentic or it may be a great exaggeration. That it has some foundation in fact, however, seems likely. At any rate, it does not serve to increase our respect for the censors.

The industrious English censors have been keeping back news of importance from the entire world. They have censored even messages of the King, have sliced and slashed items of interest, in many instances, without reason. The people of Great Britain are in an uproar about it, and although our concern is not so immediate on this side of the Atlantic, we can find much to criticise in the way in which the news is being handled.

Granted that secret moves of armies and of vessels are not events which should receive publicity, because of the help such information would afford the other side, yet things which have occurred and cannot be changed need to be announced as a matter of public record.

The censors have no right to stand, as it were, between the events of the war and the public, and hide the progress of affairs from view. The people of England ought to be able to stand the news of a calamity to their side, and they have asserted that rather than do harm, such news would stir up increased zeal among them to serve their country, and spur them on to greater efforts.

The French government is about to publish a periodical giving news of the war and comments on it from the French point of view. The Germans are now seeking with great diligence to set the world right from their viewpoint. Yet the American public, if its wishes were known, would doubtless prefer more detailed statements of facts through the censors, on which they might base independent conclusions.

TO MAKE A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR USEFUL
Mayor Frank B. McClain, of Lancaster, Lieutenant Governor-elect, is regarded by Lancastrians as a rain-maker. There's a reason. About a month ago, when everything in the vicinity of Lancaster was parched by the drought and the city water supply was scant, Mayor McClain issued a proclamation calling on the citizens to refrain from using the water extravagantly and to make use of it only when necessary. Old Jupiter Pluvius must have been reading the news in and about Lancaster. He took pity on the community, and the next day it rained sufficiently to relieve the drought.

A few weeks later the same dry conditions prevailed and things were worse than before. On Saturday last Mayor McClain again issued a proclamation to the Lancastrians warning them that the water must be used sparingly, and he set a watch to see that his warning was not disregarded. That evening it rained and continued to rain all day Sunday and all day Monday and it has been raining ever since with a few variations in the form of snow and sleet.

Now the people of Lancaster are wondering what they are going to do for rain hereafter in times of drought when Mr. McClain is not in the Mayor's chair. However, as Mr. McClain goes into the chair of the Lieutenant Governor the entire state might utilize him when rain is needed and get him to issue

a proclamation calling on the entire people to refrain from using water unnecessarily. Then it can be seen whether his influence in the matter of rain-making is statewide.

The question often is asked: Of what use is a Lieutenant Governor? Perhaps Mr. McClain, when he enters upon the duties of that office, will be able to answer the question satisfactorily.

BETTER MARKET FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS

The recent experience of the city of Philadelphia in disposing of an issue of \$1,125,000 bonds sold "over the counter" at par, bears witness to an improved condition in the market for high class municipal securities and proves that such loans can now be floated on a four per cent. basis, despite the disturbing effect on finances of the world caused by the European war. In discussing the success of this "over the counter" sale, Cyrus D. Foss, secretary to the Mayor of Philadelphia, said:

With individual small investors eager to purchase these bonds, neither banks nor the Sinking Fund Commissioners took a dollar of them, and it is the first time within the memory of any city official that a loan has been floated without any help from either of these sources.

Philadelphia's ability now to sell four per cent. bonds at par without any difficulty and without the necessity of calling on banking houses to underwrite them, may be taken as an indication that conditions have improved materially since the start of the war at which time it is doubtful if even such gilt-edge bonds could have found a market except at a considerably higher rate of interest. This may be taken as proof that there is plenty of money to put into safe securities once the psychological depression that has temporarily robbed investors of confidence has been removed.

DOCTORS IN DEMAND

In Germany doctors are at present in urgent demand. Civilians are realizing how great has been their dependence upon the men of the medical profession, now that a great number of these men have been called to the front to care for the soldiers.

To a request of the Leipsic Physicians' Association that licensed doctors and unlicensed medical students be released from their obligations to serve at the front, the Prussian War Ministry has replied that the physicians and surgeons are so badly needed where the firing is heavy, that none can be dispensed with except for service in communities which have been entirely stripped of medical men.

There is no telling what diseases may spread, or what suffering may be undergone in towns which the war has deprived of medical protection. While the doctors are on the firing line endeavoring to lessen fatalities among the nation's soldiers, the women and children and weaker men who cannot qualify as fighters, are left in the towns unguarded against the insistent ills of human kind. As much as the soldiers need the doctors, to such an extent civilians miss them.

We may not appreciate our medical men in this country as we ought by merely hearing of the urgent need for doctors which is making itself felt abroad. We would perhaps need to experience that dire necessity ourselves before we could fully understand what physicians mean to the great mass of the people in any community.

Perhaps the success of one school master in the White House is what has influenced the friends of Dr. Brumbaugh to start a presidential boom for him.

Sleet on the wires is more effective in holding back the news even than the war censors in Europe.

If you think you own a summer cottage along the Jersey coast, better see if it still is anchored there when the storm blows by!

The request for charity are many this season but the good people of Harrisburg recognize that the need for their aid is the greater and they are quick to respond.

Fashionable young women of America are not violating the laws of neutrality simply by wearing their hair in French rolls.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

POOR BURGLAR

"A burglar got into my house about 3 o'clock this morning when I was on my way home from the club," said Jones.

"Did he get anything?" asked Brown.

"I should say he did get something," replied Jones.

"The poor devil is in the hospital. My wife thought it was me."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

ONE BENEFIT OF WEALTH

The man who has a million dollars and feels poor may be more unfortunate than the guy who has \$7 and feels rich, but the millionaire has a more intimate acquaintance with that part of the anatomy of a steer from which the porterhouse is cut.—Houston Post.

NO GENTLEMAN

Servant—"What was the name of the gentleman that had room 14 last week, m'm—the gentleman that stole the overcoat and bolted?"

Landlady—"Please don't refer to him as a gentleman, Janet!"—Chicago News.

BUSINESS ONLY

As a general thing when the man at the table ties the napkin around his neck he did not come there to indulge in table talk.—Galveston News.

THE CONTRADICTIONS OF LAW

Ohio has a law which compels newspapers to tell the truth. Texas has a law which compels them to suppress it.—Waxahachie (Tex.) Light.

HELPLESS FATHER

Children are taught to be kind to dumb animals, and something should be said about imposing on Father.—Atchison Globe.

TRANSPARENT

A volunteer soldier, who had gone with his regiment to Cuba during the Spanish-American war and returned, as most of the men did, extremely emaciated, got off the train at his home town and was met at the station by one of his fellow townsmen. The latter's greeting to the returned patriot, who had lost flesh, but not his sense of humor, was:

"Well, I see you're back from the front."

"You do, eh!" exclaimed the militiaman. "I know I was thin, but I didn't know it was as bad as that!"—Exchange.

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PURE RICH BLOOD MADE BY HOOD'S

Pure blood enables the stomach, liver and other digestive organs to do their work properly. Without it they are sluggish, there is loss of appetite, sometimes faintness, a deranged state of the intestines, and, in general, all the symptoms of dyspepsia.

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Tongue-End Topics

Mr. Barrett As a Poet

The memorial poem read at the Elks' memorial ceremony in the Majestic theatre on Sunday last, is from the pen of John E. Barrett, of Scranton, at present postmaster of that city, and like everything in the way of verse that Mr. Barrett writes, it is a gem. Mr. Barrett is the author of the State song, "Pennsylvania," a sonorous and lofty hymn to the old Keystone State that has met with much favor and is sung in the public schools. All his life his pen has been turning out prose and poetry, "worth reading." When a youth he was a clerk in a Scranton store, but his contributions to local newspapers attracted attention and the late Congressman Joseph Scranton gave him a place as reporter on the staff of the Scranton "Republican," at that time the greatest newspaper of the anthracite regions.

Introduced to the Lord

When Scranton and "contagious territory," as Barrett would say, demanded that a new county be made with Scranton as the county seat, Mr. Barrett was sent to Harrisburg to work up sentiment in favor of the new county. Governor Hoyt had just been inaugurated and he was enlisted in favor of the new county and it was established. Later Mr. Barrett was sent to the State House of Representatives and he was instrumental in having legislation passed that put the new county on its feet. While here during the legislative session Barrett was correspondent of the Philadelphia "Press" under the managing editorship of the late Moses P. Handy. He was present on the day the House organized, when it is customary for the chaplain to open the proceedings with prayer. Barrett, in noting this fact, in his story to the "Press," wrote: "The chaplain here introduced the new members to the Lord."

Handy, who was a bit of a wag himself, let the expression go, and thereafter the new members were the butt of the joke.

Starts the Scranton "Truth"

Barrett afterward established the Scranton "Truth," an evening paper, one of the best that Scranton has ever had. After years of hard toil in the newspaper work he was made postmaster in Scranton, and is now on Easy street; but he beguiles his rest hours with writing poetry, and the beautiful memorial poem read at the Harrisburg Elks' ceremony was one of his latest efforts.

BRUMBAUGH SAYS HE WILL GOVERN

Declares He Will "Go It Alone" If Men of Party Fail to Support Platform Pledges

MENTIONED FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Congressman Vare Tells Washington Dinner Party That Governor-Elect Is Pennsylvania's Candidate For the White House in 1916

(Special to the Star-Independent) Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Governor-elect Brumbaugh asserted his independence of any persons who might interfere with him in the fulfillment of his platform pledges to the people of Pennsylvania in a speech last night at a dinner at the Shoreham hotel given by Representative William S. Vare, at which Dr. Brumbaugh was the guest of honor. Almost all of the Pennsylvania Congressmen and those newly elected in November were present.

The Governor-elect, who had been introduced by Representative Vare as Pennsylvania's candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, declared that he desired the assistance of all who stood pledged with him to the

platform pledges.

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