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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: Unsettled weather to-night and Friday, probably light rain or snow. Not much change in temperature.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 34; lowest, 32; 8 a. m., 33; 8 p. m., 33.

EDISON FIRE THE WORLD'S LOSS

The loss in dollars resulting from the great fire that last night wiped out almost the whole of the huge Edison plant in West Orange, N. J., has been roughly estimated at about seven millions.

The Edison plant constituted in itself a marvel of the great inventor's genius. It was designed and built on unique lines that could not have been planned save in the mind of an Edison.

Along with the loss of the buildings went tremendously valuable mechanisms, largely the fruit of Mr. Edison's own brain, and, it is likely, a great amount of valuable data that can be restored only by the wizard himself.

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and we could without difficulty, he holds, rekindle the old love.

We learn of these obligations of ours with conflicting emotions; so conflicting in fact that we are just where we were before the rhetoric began to flow.

REARRANGEMENT OF SCHOOL GRADES

Although the Harrisburg schools have advantages to gain by an elimination of the ninth grade, as urged by City Superintendent Downes, even the resultant arrangement would not be an ideal one according to the view of the bureau of education in Washington.

Public schools throughout this country have their courses grouped, as a rule, into eight years of primary and grammar school and four years of high school.

The suggestion that so radical a change be made in the public schools is not supported by fancy but by logical arguments. The bureau of education gives, apart from minor considerations, two important reasons why boys and girls should enter on a six-year high school course after six years of elementary school work.

Under the proposed arrangement, in the first place, it is held, the children would get an earlier start in foreign languages, literature, history and elementary science, making their work in these high school branches more effective.

Under present conditions, in the second place, when children finish the eight or nine years of the elementary course, they have reached the end of the compulsory attendance period, and this break between grammar school and high school coming at the end of the compulsory period, makes it easy for them to quit school.

The time is doubtless approaching when the scheme of education in this country will afford boys and girls, after their first six years with their parents and teachers, six years of elementary studies, followed by six years of high school work, and some educators go so far as to advise on top of that, but whether the suggestion for a six-year high school course is accepted or rejected, there are abundant reasons why Harrisburg should cut down the total period of schooling by one year; that is, make it twelve years instead of thirteen, as now.

We are promised a green Christmas this year. Do your shopping early.

The American people agree with President Wilson in his declaration that this country will take care of itself when the time comes for any action.

In the midst of sending things across the water for the relief of starving people, do not forget that we have some of the same kind right here at home!

It is reported that the Zeppelins are getting ready to drop a few bombs and other souvenirs of regard on London, and Piccadilly and Leister Square are crying "Blawst the bloody things!"

After the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission has had its wrestle with the proposed increase in railroad passenger rates, the Interstate Commerce Commission will take a hand, and if it is as long adjusting matters as it was at arriving at a decision on freight rates, commuters may expect to hear something along about A. D. 2,000.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

Old Lady—"I've brought back this war map you sold me yesterday, Mr. Brown. It's not up to date. I've been looking all the morning for Armageddon, and can't find it marked anywhere."—Punch.

Friend—"This is a nice studio you have. Is the rent high?" Artist—"I don't remember."—Cleveland Leader.

"Well, well! did you ever milk before?" "Not exactly, but I've had a good deal of practice with a fountain pen."—Scribner's.

Jones rambled into the village cigar store one evening and in response to a question as to what made him look so wild-eyed, told of an adventure he had just had.

"I was coming through that deep, dark woods down below Taylor's farm," said Jones in a voice that still palpitated, "when I saw the dusky forms of two men stealthily crawling through the woods toward me. One of them had a pistol in his hand and the other had—"

"What in the deuce did you do?" "What did I do?" responded Jones, with some emphasis. "Why I did three miles in just about four minutes!"—Exchange.

Little Bobby Beaton went with his mother to buy a pair of knickerbockers. When he had looked at all the varieties in the store, he was still dissatisfied.

"I want that pair in the window," he protested. "These are just exactly like them," assured the clerk; "but if you want that particular pair, I'll get them for you."

Hostess (at party)—"Does your mother allow you to have two pieces of pie when you are at home, Willie?" Willie (who has asked for a second piece)—"No, ma'am."

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Something to Please Him

Men's Dress Shirts in percale, all sizes, 25c. Men's Suspenders in Holly Boxes, 25c. Men's Suspenders in Holly Boxes, 25c. Men's Suspenders in Holly Boxes, 25c.

Pretty Aprons for Christmas Giving

Ladies' Round and Square Aprons, of the lawn, trimmed with embroidery and lace; large assortment, 25c. Ladies' Square Aprons for Waitresses and Maids, plain, trimmed and tucks, 25c.

Hosiery—the Gift All Appreciate

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Tongue-End Topics

Ben. Focht's Batting Average. Ben. K. Focht, of Lewisburg, Congress-man-elect from the Seventeenth or Shoestring district, was in the city this week attending a meeting of the State Water Supply Commission.

New Lawmaker Wants Front Seat. Much amusement was created at the Capitol the other day over the actions of a new member of the House, who had never before been in legislative halls.

One of the Fighting McCalls. Lieutenant William McCall, of Lewisburg, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, serving with a Pennsylvania regiment, was in Harrisburg this week.

Maurer Wants Short Session. James H. Maurer, State Representative-elect from Reading, the First Berks district, is the only Socialist ever elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Hostess (at party)—"Does your mother allow you to have two pieces of pie when you are at home, Willie?" Willie (who has asked for a second piece)—"No, ma'am."

"Well, do you think she'd like you to have two pieces here?" "Oh," confidently, "she wouldn't care. This isn't her pie!"—Louisville Times.

Perces Indians under Chief Roman Nose on a small island in the Snake river in the far West. The story of that fight, as told by General Alexander Forsyth, is one of the most thrilling narratives of border Indian warfare.

Affable Folks. "Boston people are mighty nice to book agents."

"Good customers, eh?" "Not so much that. They've read all the books in the world. But they're always willing to discuss 'em with you."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Every rose has its thorn, but it might be worse. Suppose roses grew only on the cactus!

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