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DECEMBER

Calendar for December 1914 showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 31.

MOON'S PHASES— Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th; New Moon, 16th; First Quarter, 24th.

WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night and Thursday. Lowest temperature to-night about 10 degrees.

FIGHTING AN ENEMY AT HOME

Every generous Harrisburger is glad to respond according to his means to the unusual number of requests made of him for aid in charitable work in this winter of extraordinary stress and distress at home and abroad.

What is given for the foreign war sufferers is most cheerfully given and that work deserves every encouragement. At the same time those who are in need in our own land, and especially in our own community, should not be made to suffer because of the aid sent abroad.

The sale of the Red Cross seals that is now in full swing here in this present Christmas season is the medium through which Harrisburg is called upon to fight the great white plague of tuberculosis.

It may not be generally known that eighty per cent. of the proceeds from the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals in this city is kept right here for educational and preventive means in the fight against tuberculosis.

The buying of Red Cross seals involves sacrifice and self-denial, but Harrisburgers never flinch on the firing line.

GOOD USE FOR PSYCHOLOGY

A psychologist, speaking from a New York church pulpit, asserts that divorcees can be prevented, or even engagements and marriages which might ultimately lead to the divorce courts, by "the silent influence of specifically directed suggestion given with a look and a thought or through the magnetic force of expressed superior quality that recalls to sense and duty and rivets the affections."

By means of this psychic intervention, he says, he has been able not only to restore harmony and happiness to discordant lives, but also to prevent disastrous unions at times of doubt on the part of young persons as to the wisdom of engagements and marriages.

All that he did to arrive at these splendid results,

according to his statement, was to use "appropriate dynamic suggestions, or impulsions to right thought and action, offered to the subconscious mind."

There is sometimes a tendency for persons who know less than nothing about psychology and its mysteries to treat such testimonials lightly. Yet they have no right to doubt the word of a psychologist until they know something of the science.

This science, for it is not witchcraft or magic, needs to receive more attention from the general public, particularly if it has the power claimed for it, of preventing divorcees and of interfering with proposed marriages which would be likely to result in separation.

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATES NEEDED HERE

Interest in debating is naturally revived in high schools and colleges about this time of the year, and more attention than usual is now being paid to it in many places. The great questions brought up by the war are tempting young men to match their talents in formal argument.

Activity of this sort is prevailing not only in colleges and universities but in high schools as well. In the larger cities the high schools oppose one another and in the smaller communities the schools of several towns form a league and each team represents the entire debating skill of its locality.

It is to be deplored that Harrisburg has no inter-school debates. There have been inter-class contests in the separate local high schools but such affairs lack the requisite spirit of rivalry. They are too tame. Only inter-school debates can arouse the proper amount of enthusiasm.

In case Central and Tech would not be satisfied with a debating league of but two teams, they could easily make arrangements with schools in nearby places to join in the enterprise. The question of expense is negligible. Debating teams need no equipment as do football and basketball teams.

Considering the ease with which schools can arrange debates and the manifest benefits afforded by such contests,—interscholastic contests which develop purely the intellectual side of the participants and of those in attendance,—it seems strange that the local high schools, conspicuous as they are in so many other lines of activity, should be unable or unwilling to put forth teams and fight for honors in the extensive field of formal debate.

Buy your Red Cross seals early and help fight the plague of tuberculosis!

Two men froze to death in Philadelphia. That, however, is nothing compared with the distress that the winter is causing in the European war zone.

The man who grumbles at the sight of his coal pile growing rapidly smaller in this kind of weather should let his mind rest on that long period of balmy weather before Thanksgiving Day.

No group of persons ever worked harder in a good cause than the actors and actresses in the Orpheum this week are working to swell the Belgian fund receipts. It's a rattling good bill all the way through and would be well worth the price of admittance even if the money was not destined to fill the stomachs of the starving war refugees.

Miss Bessie Wynne, the actress whose clever performance on the Orpheum stage are doing a great deal to help swell the box office receipts in that theatre during Belgian week, enters into the spirit of the thing as much as do the big audiences. There is something about her name that seems to fit her well in the estimation of the Harrisburg theatre-goers.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

PANETELA No. Luella, Nothing happened Down at Smyrna After that; Old Mohammed Fired a volley From the hill On which he sat. One shot passed Before the cutter, One was short, Another long, And it had been As effective Had Mohammed Rung a gong.

We are not, My dear Luella, Asking Turkey To salute; That could only Get us, dearie, Into trouble And dispute. All we ask The Oriental, Ere we call it Square and kiss, Is his positive Assurance That his gunners Shot to miss.

That is all It is, Luella, Do not knit Your pretty brow; All gunpowder Is a little More combustible Just now. People bent On peaceful missions, Like our Uncle In the East, Have to have Their bump Of caution Temporarily Increased. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

EVEN A DOG'S LIFE HAS ITS ADVANTAGES

"I understand Smith's wife leads him a regular dog's life." "Well, she has money; so no wonder he don't have to do anything but sit around the house all day." —Boston Record.

Tongue-End Topics

Mr. MacAlarney in New Post

The Star-Independent having announced that Robert E. MacAlarney, formerly of this city, has been made city editor of the New York "Tribune," he having assumed the position on Monday of this week, the "Tribune" come to the front and prints a sketch of "The Tribune's New City Editor."

"Mr. MacAlarney was born in Harrisburg, Pa., December 30, 1873. After being graduated from Dickinson College, in 1893, he became a reporter on the 'Harrisburg Telegraph,' but two years later went to Harvard University to specialize in post-graduate work. Newspaper work, however, called to him again, and he joined the staff of the 'Newark Daily Advertiser' in 1896, and then, to use the colloquial phrase, 'broke into' New York newspaper work in 1897, with the 'New York Evening Journal.'

"While with the 'Evening Journal' Mr. MacAlarney served an all-around apprenticeship, soon becoming one of the paper's star men, and handling among other important assignments, the celebrated Jennie Bosscheiter murder in New Jersey and the coal strikes in Pennsylvania. During his connection with the 'Evening Journal' Mr. MacAlarney did much political work, and his efforts in that direction attracted the attention of the 'New York Evening Post,' which offered him a staff appointment in 1903.

Went to the 'Evening Post'

"He secured the position, and took charge of the City Hall and the involved politics radiating from that center. In 1906 the 'Evening Post' was so sure of Mr. MacAlarney's ability that he was promoted to the city editor's desk, where he remained until 1911, when he went to the 'New York Evening Mail' as city editor. For much of his time with the 'Evening Post,' Mr. MacAlarney served as acting managing editor.

"His stay with the 'Evening Mail' was only about a year, but during that period he met one task that strained the energy and endurance of every city editor in New York—the handling of the great Titanic disaster story. The city editor's desk is the staff headquarters in the battle of newspaper work, and the editor-in-chief depends largely upon its effectiveness for the success or failure of each day's issue.

Went to the Pulitzer School

"While with the 'Evening Mail' Mr. MacAlarney was picked out as one of the men to conduct the destinies of that interesting experiment, the School of Journalism at Columbia. He was appointed associate professor of the school, and continued in that capacity until March last, when he resigned to devote more of his time to fiction. Since then he has been giving a course of lectures on the technical side of newspaper work at the school, as Dean Talbot Williams was unwilling to relinquish his services entirely.

"The 'Tribune's' new city editor is a member of the Harvard and Faculty clubs, the Mexican Society and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. In addition to the many contributions he has made to contemporary magazine work he has also collaborated on two plays. His many talents make him the one man who can probably fill the big shoes that Governor-elect Whitman's new secretary will leave behind him."

Flynn, the 'Father of the House'

Representative John M. Flynn, of Elk county, the 'father of the House' in years of service, was in Harrisburg last night on his way home to Ridgway from Philadelphia where he had been to see Senator James K. P. Hall off to Tampa, Florida, where the latter will spend the winter, after having recovered from a severe illness followed by a critical operation in a Cleveland hospital. Mr. Flynn is a Democrat of the Old Guard school and was re-elected at the last election by the biggest majority ever given a candidate in Elk county, having been nominated on both the Republican and Democratic tickets.

Speaking of the coming session of the Legislature, Mr. Flynn, who will be the Democratic floor leader, expressed the opinion that the business of the session will be conducted with dignity and dispatch. He anticipates no flood of rank legislation such as characterized the last session. He looks for an early adjournment. In the last session, because of the difficulty in organizing the House, all of the parties were recognized in the selection of the officers, and Republican, Washington and Democratic members each had the election of some of the men on the pay roll.

"I do not anticipate anything like that during the coming session," said Mr. Flynn, "for the reason that the Republicans have an overwhelming majority and there will be such a demand for offices from Republicans all over the State that none of the other parties will be recognized."

It is said that the Democrats in the House will put up Mr. Flynn as their candidate for Speaker.

Temperamental Impulse

"I guess I'll get a job," said Plodding Pete. "Great guns!" exclaimed Meandering Mike, "you ain't going to work?" "Not much. I jes' feel kind o' haughty and independent. I want the pleasure of gettin' one o' these task-masters in line where I kin say what I like to him an' then resign." —Washington Star.

Artistic Printing at Star-Independent.

SAVE YOUR DOLLARS! THURSDAY DOLLAR DAY BE READY No Garments Sold Before Thursday Salespeople not permitted to reserve garments. No C. O. D.'s. No mail orders. None sold to children. Children's \$5 Smart Coats \$ Day Only \$1.00. \$3.95 Children's DRESSES Sizes 2 to 10 Serges, Gingham and Percales \$ Day Only \$1.00. \$2.50 values Silk Waists and lingerie and voiles, etc., \$ Day only. \$1.00. \$2.95 Petticoat in best messaline, silk, plain, pressed pleated bottoms. \$1.00. \$3.95 Sweaters, all wool, children's and ladies' sizes. Wonderful values. \$1.00.

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Mrs. Shook Thanks the Firemen Editor, The Star-Independent: Dear Sir:—I want to thank the firemen for their prompt and good service rendered for me at my house on Monday when it was on fire. Also I want to thank the neighbors for their kindness toward me in sending in the alarm. Mrs. J. M. Shook, 1190 Christian street.

AN ELABORATE FLOWERS SHOW The Holmes Seed Company is Showing Everything in Flowers and Christmas Greens This Season

The flower lover, and his name is legion, will have the opportunity to gratify his taste, be it ever so critical, by making a call at the new address of the Holmes Seed Company. Beautiful flowering plants are there in great variety and a large assortment of auriculas, dracenas, coxos, palms, scottii, W. K. Harris and new single crested ferns vie with handsome palms, Lorraine Begonias and the like to form a display exceeding even the previous holiday exhibits of Holmes Seed Company, who have always led the van.

The showing of Christmas trees, laurel, lycopodium, foxtail roping, wreaths, Southern smilax, not forgetting superb mistletoe, is fully up, if not superior, to former years and will ably maintain the reputation of this reliable store. Committees in charge of church and Sunday school decorations will do well to place their orders early as it is doubtful if some of these can be duplicated. The public in general is cordially invited to call and see the display and will be made welcome by a corps of experienced and courteous salesmen.

The Holmes Seed Company owing to the serious interruption to their business resulting from the subway has been compelled to move and are now located in the Adams building at 106-108 South Second street.

Committee in Lunacy Appointed

Lebanon, Dec. 16.—A petition has been filed by Bertha Elliott, sister of Wilbur Reese, of Syner, North Annapolis township, for the appointment of a commission to adjudge the young man, who is 24 years of age, a lunatic. Judge Henry has appointed Roy S. Light, Dr. W. R. Roedel and H. S. Light, as a commission. Reese is the young man who was mixed up in the fatal auto accident west of Annapolis last July, when Claude Witters, of Palmyra, was instantly killed and the other four young men in the Stauffer car were more or less injured. Reese was driving a buggy and was thrown to the ground.

Caution

A Pennsylvania farmer was the owner of a good Alderney cow. A stranger, having admired the animal, asked the farmer, "What will you take for your cow?" The farmer scratched his head for a moment, and then said, "Look a here; be you the tax assessor or has she been killed by the railroad?" —Argonaut.

AMUSEMENTS

At the Orpheum There's a worthy vaudeville bill on view at the Orpheum this week, so worthy in fact that its a regulation metropolitan program served up at the Locust street play house at the usual admission prices. So the reason why Harrisburg should turn out in big numbers this week to view the offering are two fold. In the first place it is Rotary Week there and the profits go to a worthy cause, that of aiding the stricken Belgians. If this is no incentive, then the fine bill is there, and that should appeal to every lover of excellent and clean entertainment.

Bessie Wynn is there with a fine repertoire of songs and none of them have ever been heard at the Orpheum before. But some of them will offer Bessie leaves, for Harrisburg seems to be singing some of them now. "When You're a Long, Long Way From Home," is one of her best and one of the catchiest. She sings a Japanese song with costume and a setting appropriate to the song, and in it she is given an opportunity to inject a little acting. And isn't Miss Wynn a dream in her Jap kimono gown, and pink flowers in her hair!

About four or five interesting erasies she does at each performance and all of them are lovely. And then for those who like to laugh, there is Joe Jackson, who has the whole comedy market cornered. Joe is programmed for thirteen minutes he has so many troubles with his ragged clothes and his bicycle parts that he keeps the audience every minute he is on view. The Furber Girls and a wealth of other clever Keith hits round out the affair bill. adv.***

At the Colonial

"St. Elmo," the beautiful dramatization of Augusta Evans novel of that title, that has been delighting patrons at the Colonial theatre, will be presented there for the last time today. "St. Elmo" is a masterpiece in moving picture art, is in six parts and calls in superb scenery and splendid acting. Of the four Keiths acts that combine into a fine vaudeville offering, the Six Little Honey Bees, a rattling novelty singing act, is probably the most popular. Halton Fuller and company, presenting a screeching comedy, will head the vaudeville festivities for the last half of the week. adv.***

At the Photoplay

To present a good program to-day with a two-act Lubin drama for the headline. "The Grip of the Past" is a modern society drama produced as

only Lubin films can be made. A Vitagraph drama, "The Man Who Might Have Been," Hearst-Selig Weekly of Current Events and a Snakebite comedy, "Sophie's Fatal Wedding," complete the program. Friday the big feature production, "The Naked Truth," in five acts, will be shown. This is the story of a real woman and taken from the French novel of that name. Adv.***

At the Victoria

The hardships and perils of life in Alaska, mingled with thrilling escapes and daring feats, comprise the special feature, "The Lure of the Yukon," a masterpiece in three reels, which tops an excellent bill at the Victoria theatre, 223 Market street, for to-day only. It is the story of two brothers who suffer the terrible dangers of the Arctic to win a fortune that, by lucky chance, comes within their grasp as the long winter breaks. On their way back to the States they meet a girl, whose father has instructed her to rob them. Later she falls in love with one of the brothers and rescues them from bandits who are captured in a battle with the Yukon police. The story is full of thrills and action is intense throughout every foot of the three-reel film.

Another headliner at the Victoria today is "Out of the Darkness," an extraordinary two-reeler, featuring Vivian Rich, William Garwood, Louise Lester, Harry Von Metter and Jack Richardson. Adv.***

Cordovan Leather Boots

At the court of Elizabeth the wide topped Spanish boot, handsome and, to our eyes, theatrical, became popular among the rival courtiers, each endeavoring to outvie the other in the queen's eyes. The most handsome and admired of all were made of white Cordova leather, edged with costly lace and having gold spurs. Sometimes buff and red and much more rarely the now prevalent black leather was the material. Boots for men seem to have gone out of fashion during the Stuart era, so far as the upper classes went. Your plain citizen always adhered to a more or less substantial shoe when at home and seldom drew on boots save when on a journey.—London Saturday Review.

Employees Get Christmas Checks

Lebanon, Dec. 16.—A. K. Kettering, as treasurer, has paid out the sum of \$3,500 to the employees of the A. S. Kreider shoe factory at Annapolis, as their share of the Christmas savings club.

At the Middletown plant of the Kreider shoe factory, checks were received by the employees who were members of the Christmas savings fund to the amount of \$4,916.35.

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