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

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy weather to-night and Sunday, probably light rain or snow.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 28; lowest, 5; 8 a. m., 6; 8 p. m., 23.

WISE RATE INCREASE

The increase in freight rates finally granted to the eastern railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission should be gratifying not only to the railroads themselves but to that large part of the public that believes that these great corporations are entitled to a chance to earn a fair profit on the millions of the people's money that are invested in them.

It will be recalled that just before the war started in Europe the railroads' application for a five per cent. increase in freight rates east of Pittsburgh was turned down by the Commission. The fact that a similar increase is now granted cannot be interpreted as an admission by the Commission that it was wrong last summer in refusing to grant the increase.

The advantage of the increased rates lies not only in the fact that the roads are now in a better position to earn a fair percentage on the capital already invested in them, but in the fact that it will encourage the investing public to look more favorably upon future issues of stocks and bonds that are necessary for extensions, improvements and renewals of railroad property which have so long been deferred.

FROM EIGHTH GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL

The abolition of the ninth grade in the Harrisburg schools, by unanimous vote of the School Board last night, will make the grading of the local schools uniform with the systems in other cities of the state and will give the children of Harrisburg an equal opportunity with children in other communities to get their public schooling with the least possible waste of time and effort.

Nothing except the erecting of the badly needed new high school building could be of as much benefit to the public school children of this city as this readjustment of grades, with semi-annual promotions, and the latter improvement will no doubt hasten the former.

Much that is useless, such as drills in complex arithmetical and grammatical problems which are now given merely to fill in the time, will be dispensed with, giving the pupils opportunity to concentrate their minds on really helpful school work.

Then, too, really brilliant children will not be held back and forced to study side by side with their intellectual inferiors, but will be promoted according to their merits and be enabled to finish high school work before they have passed into manhood and womanhood.

Tongue-End Topics

Soldiers' Mail Must Be Cheerful: Only letters that are devoid of all gloomy news or utterances are permitted to reach the hands of French soldiers.

Letters to Front by Auto: Cold weather and the shipment of warm clothing and other comforts to the soldiers tended to delay the delivery of letters.

Odd Suit as Result of War: A peculiar case was decided in the Grimsby county court, England, in a claim brought under the workmen's compensation act against the owners of the Grimsby trawler, Kilmarnock.

Soldiers Fighting on Skis: With the arrival of deep snow on the French-German frontier, especially in Alsace-Lorraine and the Vosges, the Alpine regiments on both sides are now fighting on skis.

English Shipyards Busy: The various shipbuilding yards of England now are as busy as though there was no war. The loss of many ships, due to being bottled up or sunk, made freight rates high, creating an increased demand for new tonnage as well as hastened repairs on old or captured craft.

Birth Announcements: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Reese, 1845 Regina street, announce the birth of a daughter Friday evening, December 18.

Birth Announcements: Mr. and Mrs. William N. Miller, 1501 Logan street, announce the birth of a daughter, Maud Elsie, Wednesday, December 16.

Birth Announcements: Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Billett, 438 Peffer street, announce the birth of a son, Paul Cyrus Billett, Wednesday, December 9.

Tiger-like Cat: Although he's no bigger than an ordinary house cat, the dasyure of the South American jungles is strong and fierce.

LET IT ALONE: "Shall I put a little more brandy in the punch?" asked the host.

ENOUGH OF IT AT HOME: "It says here that the recruiting stations in England refused to accept married men as volunteers," said Mrs. Gabb.

EXPERIENCED: Recruiting Sergeant—"Want to join the cavalry, do you? Know anything about horses?"

MIXED: Vicar (his mind full of the recruiting posters)—"Wilt thou take this woman to thy wedded wife—for three years or the duration of the war?"

C. V. NEWS

TURNPIKE COMPANY GIVEN \$40,033 BY COURT JURY: This Allowance Is to Cover Damages Sustained by Plaintiff When State Took Over Turnpike Between Chambersburg and Fulton County.

SAY SERVANT FORGED CHECKS: Colored Girl Disappears After Police Say, She Had Fleeced Merchant out of \$10.

LAD WOUNDED IN THE SIDE: Playmate Thrust Knife Into Him While Enjoying School Recess.

Gettysburg a Healthy Place: Gettysburg, Dec. 19.—Since August first there has been only one case of a communicable disease in Gettysburg, according to the records of the local Board of Health.

Shot Through Hog Wounds Boy: Chambersburg, Dec. 19.—Harry, 9-year-old son of Charles Brendle, living on a farm near Mercersburg, was shot through the head yesterday morning and fatally injured.

Award Y. M. C. A. Contract: Waynesboro, Dec. 19.—The contract for the erection of the new Y. M. C. A. building has been awarded to A. R. Warner, this place, at his bid of \$50,699.41.

E. G. HOOVER'S ANNIVERSARY: Business Established Twenty-four Years Ago Grows to Large Proportions.

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CLEANSE THE BLOOD AND AVOID DISEASE: When your blood is impure, weak, thin and debilitated, your system becomes susceptible to any or all diseases.

BANS SMOKING AT COLLEGE: Muhlenberg President Takes Action When Cigarette Starts Blaze.

DAUPHIN DEPOSIT TRUST COMPANY: THE PROPER GIFT OF MONEY: WOULDN'T a Certificate of Deposit, issued for \$5.00, \$10.00 or any amount, and delivered in the Christmas mail, prove a genuine surprise and a most acceptable gift?

WILMOT GOODWIN SONG RECITAL: Under the auspices of the General Ord Circle, Ladies of G. A. R. FAHNESTOCK HALL.

HARRISBURG LIGHT & POWER CO.: Are You Prepared to Enjoy the Electrical Gift You Are Going To Receive This Christmas?

"The Quality Store"

Give Gifts of Quality: NO OTHER store hereabouts shows such wonderfully varied and comprehensive assortments of holiday stocks of exceptional quality for which this store has long been noted.

- MEN'S AND LADIES' DRESSING CASES AND ROLLS—all solid leather cases and best fitting, at \$2.25 to \$7.50. MUSIC ROLLS—of the best grade leathers, at \$1.08 to \$4.50. BRIDGE SETS, Jewel Cases, Playing Card Cases, Drinking Cup Cases, etc., all modestly priced.

L. W. COOK

Advertisement for L. W. Cook's gift store, listing various gift items and prices.

The custom of smoking in the administration building between classes and in the dormitories at all hours has been prevalent, but Dr. Haas has threatened to expel any student caught in the act.

Advertisement for Wilmot Goodwin Song Recital at Fahnestock Hall.

Advertisement for Harrisburg Light & Power Co. featuring a large illustration of a building and text about electrical gifts.