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DECEMBER

Calendar table for December 1914 with 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: Fair to-night and Wednesday. Colder to-night with lowest temperature about 15 degrees.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Wednesday. Colder to-night. Fresh westerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 40; lowest, 28; 8 a. m., 32; 8 p. m., 36.

MORE COUNTRIES IN THE WAR?

That Greece and Rumania will enter the war has been foreshadowed, it seems, by the guarantee which has now been given to them by Great Britain, France and Russia that in the event of their active participation they will not be attacked by Bulgaria.

During recent months it has been generally reported that the Rumanian people have been eager to join the Allies and the sympathies of Greece have been known to lie on the same side.

Of greater import than the entrance of Rumania and Greece into the war would be active participation by Italy. That the latter nation, now avowedly neutral, will soon be on the side of the Allies, has been accepted as highly probable.

HOHL AND THE DRUG HABIT

The parole officer of the Eastern Penitentiary in Philadelphia, who kept track of Frank G. Hohl for a time after the Harrisburg desperado was released on parole from that institution, says that the last time he visited Hohl was after the bandit's marriage in Harrisburg, and on that occasion he took supper with Hohl at the latter's home in this city.

Hohl was a drug user, according to the parole officer, but when not under the influence of a drug was one of the most inoffensive fellows the officer ever met. When the "dope" was working, however, Hohl was a fiend and the officer maintains that the young bandit, who was shot to death by the police after fatally shooting a bluecoat and looting two banks in Cincinnati last Thursday, never would have performed deeds of violence except under the drug's power.

So flagrant has become the disregard of the law regarding the unauthorized sale of harmful drugs in this state, that the State Pharmaceutical Society, in its meeting at Buena Vista last summer, appointed a committee, of which Senator-elect Snyder, of Blair, is a member, to draft a new law regulating the sale of narcotics, including morphine, opium, cocaine, etc.

the state, including Harrisburg, and that "morphine fiends" and "coke sniffers" are the result. It is time something was done to punish more severely the people who dispense these drugs in violation of law, and the State Pharmaceutical Society, composed of the representative druggists, should be encouraged in the stand it is taking in the matter.

STANDARDIZATION OF MODERN DANCES

A paragrapher in the New York "World" asks: Will not standardizing the fox-trot and tango, as Philadelphia dancing-masters propose, increase the incentive to diversify these dances with new steps? We think not. The fact is that is just what standardization will prevent.

The fox-trot and the tango now are danced with so many variations that only experts,—those few persons in whom the ability to dance seems to have been born and who can improvise steps to fit almost any dance music and dance them without treading on their partner's toes or tearing the trimmings from the trains of their partners' dresses,—are able to appear with any degree of grace on the ballroom floor.

The chief trouble with so many different variations of the modern dances is that nobody save the experts or partners who have practiced together industriously, can dance them without the danger of conflict in their movements. For instance, when a man with only an average education in the mysteries of the tango, the fox-trot or the hesitation, asks a woman with whom he has not previously practiced the steps, to dance with him, he is almost certain to make both his partner and himself look awkward on the floor.

All the men who dance,—or try to,—are not Vernon Castles and that is why standardization would make the ballroom floor a safer place for dainty feet.

A CHEMIST'S HIGH PLACE

In the recent death of Herman Frasch, chief chemist of the Standard Oil Company, for which it is said, he "earned more dividends than John D. Rockefeller himself," the world loses another wizard of science who has done much for its material progress.

Industrial chemistry had its growth during the lifetime of Herman Frasch. He made it his business when he was a poor boy, and in later life he saw it develop into the force it is to-day. It has earned him a fortune and it has indirectly earned fortunes for captains of industry in all fields.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

His Qualifications She was about to engage a butler. A very correct person presented himself—stiff, cold, thin-lipped and clean-shaven save for a pair of handsome muttonchops.

Lower Mathematics Teacher—"Now, children try to figure just this once without counting on your fingers. How much are three and four?"

Going the Limit Grubbs—"Have you done your Christmas shopping early?"

The Study of Gozinter What are you studying now, Tommy?"

Tongue-End Topics

Ambler Is Young for Speaker

Should Representative Charles A. Ambler, of Montgomery county, be elected Speaker of the next House of Representatives, he will be forty-one years old the day after he assumes the Speakership, having been born in Jenkintown, Montgomery county, on January 5, 1874.

Deer Invades a School

Former Representative Marvin, of Pike county, the only Republican, by the way, who was ever elected to the Legislature from Pike, and whose activity as a law-maker put Pike on the map again, has written a letter to a Capitol Hill friend telling of some queer happenings in his bailiwick.

She Tries to Shoo the Deer

Miss Cawley, who has lived too long in Pike county to be frightened by a deer, approached the big buck and tried to shoo it out of the room by waving her ruler, but the deer paid no attention to the plucky school ma'am.

Snakes Frozen Stiff

The buck is a big one that has been in the Blooming Park grounds for some years and is quite tame. Former Representative Kipp, who was in the vicinity shortly after the deer visited the school house, vouches for the story.

DONATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Committee of Stevens Memorial Church Is Visiting Homes of Needy Beginning to-day and continuing to-morrow the big Sunday school donation of Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, given last Sunday afternoon, is to be distributed in many poor homes of the city.

GET RID OF HUMORS AND AVOID SICKNESS

Humors in the blood cause internal derangements that affect the whole system, as well as pimples, boils and other eruptions, and are responsible for the readiness with which many people contract disease.

Take Care of Your Eyes and They'll Take Care of You

For advice, consult Jos. F. Shorb, 300A Market St. With B. C. Cluster

CALENDAR & BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT Our Motto "SAFETY FIRST" Patrons and Friends: I, D. E. Brightbill, hereby wish to thank most heartily the people who have made it possible for me to establish in their midst during the past seven years a large insurance business.

PACKAGES IN PORTUGAL

Messengers Carry Them, as Stores Do Not Use Delivery Wagons Light delivery in Portugal is done almost entirely by men and women. Delivery wagons, such as are used in American cities, are unknown here.

Married Twenty Years

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eekinger, of the Lincoln apartments, North Fifth street, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their wedding last evening by entertaining a number of relatives and friends in a most delightful way.

Married at Baltimore, Md.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Erna Naomi Dickey, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Dickey, 1519 Berryhill street, to Eugene P. Frey, 107 Chestnut street, which took place Thursday, December 17, at the First Presbyterian manse, Baltimore, the Rev. John W. Moore, officiating.

THE BEST TREASURE AMONG MEN IS A FRUGAL TONGUE.—Hesiod.

SHOES A SENSIBLE GIFT

THE Christmas sentiment is best expressed by a gift of lasting value—one which will grow in appreciation the more it is used.

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TOYS Special 23-Inch Sleeping, Full Jointed DOLLS, With Shoes and Stockings . . . 98c Also a large stock and complete line of Imported and Domestic Toys which our display will prove. You are invited to inspect them. Popular priced.

Apples For Christmas Wouldn't it be a pleasure to receive a basket of Stayman Winesap Apples for a Christmas Gift? You would enjoy it. And don't you think a basket of apples would be a very good gift to give your friends?

When Flour Was Scarce The scarcity of flour drove the Privy Council to some remarkable summary recommendations in 1795. All families were begged to give up puddings and pies and the Privy Council announced that they promised to set an example by confining themselves to fish, meat, vegetables and household bread, partly made of rye.