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MOON'S PHASES—

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

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature. Lowest temperature to-night about 22 degrees.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature. Light to moderate variable winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG

Highest, 42; lowest, 32; 8 a. m., 40; 8 p. m., 36.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Harrisburg will pause to-night and to-morrow to have a good time celebrating the arrival of the new year. There will be a mummer's parade to-morrow which is expected to be funnier and more elaborate than anything of the kind ever before attempted here, and the usual forms of merrymaking annually associated with the holiday.

Conditions among the poor this winter,—due in greatest degree to the devastating effect both at home and abroad of the great war in Europe,—have resulted in an unusual drain on the resources of charitably disposed persons in this city and have had the effect of compelling a large percentage of the population to face necessity in its sternest form. Such a condition necessarily influences earnest men and women to place more stress than usual on the serious things of life and it may be held by some that holiday levity is out of place in this particular New Year's season.

Harrisburg people, however, have the right for the time to put aside the serious things and enter with the usual spirit of levity into the celebration of the New Year's arrival. A little fun on occasion doesn't hurt anybody in any circumstances. On the contrary it helps, and certainly Harrisburgers, who have denied themselves so much this winter to meet the extraordinary appeals to charity, deserve to get all the fun they can out of the holiday and to enjoy the happiest sort of a Happy New Year.

HOW BEST TO AID PUPILS

During the sessions of the State Educational Association, which closed to-day in this city, many good suggestions for arranging public school courses were advanced and convincing declarations concerning advantages to pupils of certain branches of study were made. The assumed as well as the actual needs of the boys and girls were carefully considered and speakers advocated only what they deemed best for the children's interests.

Now that the debating is over the teachers present who have fresh in their minds, for example, the various arguments in support of the teaching of Greek and Latin as opposed to the different declarations favoring concentration on the so-called more practical subjects, would do well in returning to their schools after the holidays to start a discussion of the matter with their pupils. The boys and girls in the Grammar grades, particularly, need to know something about the advantages which different high school studies hold in store for them that each one may choose the course, when the time for selection comes, which will be best suited to his or her inclinations and necessities.

While children are in the elementary schools their studies are mapped out for them without regard to their separate preferences, but when they are about to enter high school they are given options in arranging their studies. In this city, for instance, students about to start high school work can choose first between Technical and Central, then between the various courses offered in any one of the schools, and finally between subjects designated in a particular course.

If a young person about to follow one of the many possible courses in the local high schools is to use good judgment in making selections, that person must know the merits of the different branches of study offered for choice. Yet there are grammar school students soon to be called upon to select their high school studies, who have not

the faintest conceptions of the benefits proffered by classical studies as compared with the advantages tendered by scientific branches.

There is not nearly so much need for teachers to arrive at conclusions among themselves concerning different advantages to be found in optional studies as for them to present these advantages fairly and squarely to their pupils, aiding individuals in making selections best suited to their peculiar requirements.

A KING'S WISE PRECAUTION

The King of Denmark will not hold a New Year's reception this year for the members of the diplomatic corps in the Danish capital, as has been the custom. He is much too wise a king to invite to his palace for a good time the representatives of the governments which are at war. It might not be safe, and he does not want to do anything for which he later might be sorry.

Having canceled the usual dinner, the king will receive greetings from the different diplomats through the Norwegian minister, and will later entertain the envoys in separate groups. He will thus prevent the diplomats of England, France, Belgium and Russia from coming in contact with the representatives of Germany and Austria-Hungary, not to speak of the envoys from Japan, Turkey, Servia and Montenegro.

There is no telling what arguments might spring up should all those dignitaries get together. If natives of the belligerent nations in this country exhibit differences of opinion when they surround bulletin boards and sometimes try to adjust these differences by resorting to force, what might not happen at a gathering of official representatives of the different countries, in the court of a European kingdom?

Precaution is the better part of a host's sociality, when the guests at an affair are apt to be at odds. The King of Denmark possibly knows what would be likely to happen at his New Year's reception, were he to give one, and he has accordingly called off the affair in the interests of his country's neutrality. Yet it is also probable that he realizes that even if he had sent out invitations to the annual reception, the diplomats of opposing nationalities would not be likely to attend, and that the better course would therefore be not to have a celebration at all.

SOLVING THE TEACHER-MOTHER PROBLEM

In grappling with the problem of the teacher-mother, which so long has been unsolved in New York City, a special committee of the Board of Education in the metropolis has just made a recommendation, the adoption of which, with possible amendment or two, may not only do justice to the teacher-mothers there but also point the way for the employment of married women as teachers in communities that do not now regard it as practical to permit married women to teach. The committee's report recommends:

The Board of Superintendents shall have power to grant leave of absence without pay of any kind to principals and teachers for a period of not to exceed one year for purposes of study or restoration of health or for a period of two years for bearing and rearing children.

The report further sets forth that every member of the teaching or supervising staff shall apply for leave of absence when motherhood is contemplated and "failure to do so shall be deemed insubordination."

There are many communities in which the idea of married women teaching is strongly opposed, but there are many persons who take the opposite view and who are strongly in favor of letting down the bars to this form of employment for women who are now disqualified for the work of teaching simply because they are married and bear children,—the noblest function of womanhood.

The best amendment that we can suggest to the resolution as quoted above is that the word "with pay" be substituted for those "without pay" in the opening sentence.

The water wagon will be crowded to-morrow.

Make your resolutions early and keep them late!

While they are hauling the ashes to the river bank they might, with profit to the public, spill some on the icy streets.

They are fighting with fists in Belgian trenches. There is where Jack Johnson might have been useful had he lived up to his press agent's story that he intended to enlist as a soldier of the Allies.

A Wilton, Conn., Selectman, named Hurlbut, who weighs 405 pounds, yesterday married a girl who weighs only 95. We hope if there are to be any little Hurlbuts a happy medium will be struck.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE OLD STORY

Her Father—"Young man, I must ask your object in coming here so often."

Young Man—"I love your daughter, sir. She is adorable, a queen."

Her Father—"Then, I take it, your object is to become her subject. Very well, she's yours."—Boston Transcript.

SKYE TERRIERS

"Could you call Zeppelins dogs of war?"

Interrogated Mr. Blink.

"I think you could," I answered, "for they're Skye terriers, I think."

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

ALREADY QUALIFIED

"It is a marvel to me how a citizen can so suddenly transform himself into a soldier."

"Oh, we have a chance to study tactics all the time. Every married man, for instance, has to be a master of strategy."—Kansas City Journal.

THE DICKENS

"Mamma," said little Beatrice, pointing to a picture in the book she was looking at, "isn't this a picture of Mr. Dickens?"

"No, dear," replied her mother. "This is a picture of Dickens."

"Oh, yes," said Beatrice. "I knew it was some kind of a swear word."—Chicago News.

Tongue-End Topics

Checking Up on Auto Fines

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Continued From First Page.

Under the automobile law in Pennsylvania, when an autoist is notified to appear before a Justice of the Peace, alderman or other magistrate and, on appearing, is fined for a violation of the statute, he has no means of knowing whether or not the money thus collected ever reaches the State treasury, as provided by law. It is a warranted assumption that Justices of the Peace, aldermen and other magistrates in Pennsylvania are, almost without exception, honest and able officials, but in cases where dishonesty does prevail and where, on account of rush of business, lack of time, forgetfulness and other reasons, returns are not made there is each year a sum of no mean proportion which is not turned in. To prevent the possibility of such fines being withheld from the State, E. A. Jones, second Deputy State Highway Commissioner in charge of the automobile division, has suggested a plan to check up the fines imposed. The plan outlined by Mr. Jones is as follows:

Mrs. E. A. Jones' Plan

"I would suggest that every autoist fine take a receipt in duplicate for the payment of the same and forward the duplicate to the secretary of his automobile club, or, if not member of a club, then to a person designated by the State Highway Department, so that a record may be kept of all such fines and the State Highway Department will be in a position to check them when the official report is made to the department by the officers who imposed the fine. This will keep a check of the honest returns on all fines collected for the violation of the law thereby giving this department, as well as the parties paying the fine, the satisfaction of knowing that money paid by them had gone to the place designated by the law. I believe by the co-operation of the secretaries of automobile clubs and its members, a complete check-up system can be established and a correct accounting for all fines thus be made a matter of State record, thereby preventing any chance of dishonesty and removing the possibility of uncalled for, or unjust arrests."

Collecting Taxes in Belgium

The German authorities in Belgium have begun to collect the taxes in Belgium in accordance with the provision of the Hague convention respecting occupied hostile territory. The collection is made by the regular Belgian officials who are under German supervision. No exceptions are made in the case of German goods; these pay the regular import duties like those from other countries.

When the collection of duties began the authorities announced that goods already brought in would have to pay duties in arrears.

Encourages Belgian Agriculture

Major General Keim, recently appointed German military governor of the Belgian province of Limbourg, entered upon his new duties with a proclamation in which he declared that under his government agriculture and cattle raising would find high favor and protection.

He also guaranteed protection of persons and property to all Belgians, and vigorously protested against reports that young men who returned would be pressed into military service.

In conclusion he warned the population against any acts of violence toward German soldiers.

Protection of the Dutch Flag

In order to mark their nationality, most farm houses, residences, and even barns on neutral territory, in Holland, near the Belgian border, now fly the Dutch flag. In many instances houses are located on the boundary line, with perhaps two or three rooms in Belgium, and the rest in Holland. In such cases, the Germans invariably place a guard inside the house in order to prevent the operations of smugglers or deserters.

Mike O'Neill Balks With Utes

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 31.—Mike O'Neill, manager of the Utica New York State League team, announced last night that he will not accept the reappointment as manager of the Utes for the coming year. Mike had a three-year contract with the Utes, and it expired last October.

He has been tendered a contract for the coming year, but the figures contained therein did not appeal to O'Neill, and he returned the papers, stating that he would like to purchase his release, providing they did not place too high a figure on it, in order that he might be in a position to accept one of several good offers that have been tendered him.

Protection of Alleged Cattle Thief

Lebanon, Dec. 31.—Alderman Siegrist has sent to Lancaster officers three warrants as detainers against Adam Seitzinger, of this county, who is now in the Lancaster jail, and is expected to plead guilty on Saturday to charges of larceny. The warrants cover the thefts by Seitzinger and a companion, Morris Zeiger, who is also in jail, with stealing a cow from H. B. Gingrich, a heifer from Addison Grubb, and a heifer from John Moyer, all of whom reside near Lebanon, this county.

In bad fortune hold out in good hold in.—German Proverb.

THE WHOLE BODY NEEDS PURE BLOOD

The bones, the muscles, and all the organs of the body depend for their strength and tone and healthy action on pure blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. It is positively unequalled in the treatment of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling. There is no other medicine like it. Be sure to get Hood's and get it to-day. It is sold by all druggists.

Adv.

Meanwhile the French column triumphantly took possession of the heap of ruins which was formerly St. Georges and before night the engineers had established a bridge-head, enabling the

French to cross the river.

—Paris Times.

Paris, Dec. 31, 10.55 A. M.—An address delivered by Crown Prince Alexander, of Servia, commander-in-chief of the Servian army, to his troops is given in a dispatch from Nish to the Habsburg Agency.

"Five months have passed since the enemy attacked our beloved country," said the Crown Prince. "Although we had been tried by two glorious but difficult wars, we awaited the attack manfully and heroically. After having defeated the enemy once at Tser and Jadar we have by bloody and glorious combats, delivered a blow harder than any they have inflicted on us to the present. Thousands of prisoners, hundreds of cannon and immense amounts of booty which we have