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## FEBRUARY

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### MOON'S PHASES—

Last Quarter, 7th; New Moon, 13th;  
First Quarter, 21st.

### WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain or sleet to-night and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Lowest temperature to-night about freezing.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain or sleet to-night and Wednesday. East gales.

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG**  
Highest, 40; lowest, 30; 8 a. m., 32; 8 p. m., 39.

### AMERICAN LITERATURE DISTINCTIVE

According to a declaration by Brander Matthews, referred to and commented upon in "The Dial," American literature has no existence apart from English, he holding that the literature of a language is one regardless of nationalities. The productions of the men of letters of this country are in the English language, certainly, and are therefore to be regarded as English literature, but American literature is not by any means identical with British.

It is certain that Professor Matthews recognizes the distinction between these two branches, even though he does not call particular attention to it in his most recent comments; for it was he who almost twenty years ago pointed out the difference most clearly in a lecture on "American Literature." He called at that time for a thorough understanding of "the fact that the stream of English literature had only one channel until the end of the last century (the eighteenth) and that in this century it has two channels."

He named the new mouth, made by "this massive current," American, and the old mouth, British, and then, unlike the seer that "The Dial" considers him to be, he declared that it was impossible to foretell through which of the channels "the fuller stream shall flow" in this twentieth century.

Our prose and our poetry, though part of English literature, have little in common with contemporary British works except in the use as their vehicle of what is thus far practically the same language. As Professor Matthews said, in another part of his earlier discussion, man and nature are not the same in Great Britain as in the United States, and as a consequence "there cannot be any identity between the points of view of the men of letters of the two countries."

We Americans should feel gratified to have the works of our writers classified as English literature, along with the productions of Shakespeare and the rest of the notable list, even apart from any considerations having to do with Kipling's recent assertion that the English are the only genuinely humorous people; but though we may call our literature English in distinction from French and German, the designation American must always mean much more to us than the broader term.

### TIME FOR WHIPPING POST TO GO

The introduction of a bill in both houses of the Delaware legislature providing for the abolition from the state of the whipping post serves to remind the country at large that Delaware still clings to that relic of the unenlightened past. And now that the revolting custom has been called to the country's attention, the bill to abolish it would better be passed in Dover.

All the states in the union except Delaware have done away with the whipping post, many of them having long ago taken the step in the development of a better civilization. They are now waiting for Delaware to do merely what it has delayed doing, and must do sooner or later, completely wipe out the institution from this country.

The whipping of wrong-doers as a form of punishment may afflict but it cannot correct. Scourging does not accomplish reform. Causing a criminal to suffer physical pain will not make him more of a man, but rather more of a criminal.

Punishment for misdemeanor necessarily does harm to the guilty persons one way or another, but it is not proper chastisement if it does not also do some good. At the whipping post, only resentful

fury is aroused. It is no place for the accomplishment of reform. The good in a bad person can generally be brought out, but not by beating.

### IN THE DIGNIFIED U. S. SENATE

It was in the United States Senate on Friday, January 29, 1915. That august body was considering the bill to authorize the United States to subscribe to the capital stock of a corporation authorized to purchase and operate merchant vessels in the foreign trade of the United States. The debate had been progressing for days, the Democrats being desirous of passing the bill, the Republicans of defeating it. Vice President Marshall was in the chair. Motion after motion had been made and things were snarled and twisted in a confusing manner, causing great perplexity to the presiding officer, from whose decisions appeal after appeal had been taken, all with a view to prolonging the filibustering. In the midst of it all occurred the following scene:

Mr. SMOOT. For information, I ask if the Chair is sustained in the appeal, then will not the question revert to the motion made by the Senator from Missouri [Mr. Stone]?  
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. James] to lay on the table the appeal made by the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. Gallinger]. If that motion carries, then the question will again come up on the motion of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. Stone] to lay on the table the motion of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. Townsend].

Mr. LIPPITT, Mr. President—  
Mr. JAMES. Regular order!  
Mr. STONE. The Chair ought not to permit this kind of cheap nonsense to go on.

Mr. LIPPITT. If the Chair is going to be dictated to by the Senator from Missouri—  
Mr. GALLINGER. The Chair ought to suppress the Senator from Missouri.

Mr. LIPPITT. Who is the Chair—the Senator from Missouri or the gentleman occupying the chair?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order.

Mr. STONE. I have no time to waste—

Mr. LIPPITT, Mr. President—

Mr. ROBINSON. Regular order!

The PRESIDING OFFICER. For what purpose does the Senator from Rhode Island rise?

And this was in the Senate of the United States, whose proud boast it is that it is the greatest deliberative body in the world! Nuff said.

The groundhog by noon to-day had not been able to see its shadow and at that hour there seemed to be little prospect that it would be able to cast one before sundown. Let us, therefore, take comfort in the prospect that spring flowers soon will be blooming!

New impetus is given to the movement to induce tourists to "see America first" by the fact that German submarines, one thousand miles away from their base of supplies, are able to blow up merchant vessels and are threatening to send transatlantic steamships to the bottom of the sea.

The announcement that the new \$49,000,000 bond issue of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been greatly oversubscribed proves that even in these war times the American people have a little money left which they are willing to invest when they know they can put it into gilt-edged securities.

What will become of the Harrisburg City Commissioners' three-to-two method of making police appointments if the civil service bill, introduced last night in the Legislature, becomes a law? It puts the selection of policemen and firemen in the hands of the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Commissioner of Finance, and this board, in the case of Harrisburg, would be composed of two Democrats and a Republican, as this city's Commission is now constituted. It is hardly likely that the majority of the Harrisburg Commission, which consists of three Republicans and two Democrats, will give its unequalled endorsement to the measure, for in event of the bill's passage the Mayor might actually have some voice in selecting his own police force.

The meanest man we know of,—we call him a man merely because of his sex,—is the one who, snug and secure in a big automobile he doesn't own, drives at break-neck rate, in defiance of law and the speed regulations, through a crowded thoroughfare in which the slush is four or five inches deep,—for instance North Third street yesterday afternoon,—and causes the wheels of the vehicle to hurl ceaseless streams of dirty mud and water on the people on both sidewalks. He cares not for the comfort or health of the persons he drenches with the slime of the street, whether they be children on the way to or from school or women compelled to face a raging storm through no choice of their own. There are lots of his kind in Harrisburg and the most despicable thing about him is that he merely grins a cowardly grin in the knowledge that he is going too fast for anyone to catch up to him for the purpose of punching his face.

## TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

### ANOTHER TRIAL

Financier—"That is not the same tale that you told me a few days ago."  
Beggars—"No, sir. But you didn't believe that one."  
—London Mail.

### INCONSISTENT

"Who are your best patients, doctor?"  
"The people who are always complaining that life isn't worth living."  
—Brooklyn Eagle.

### LIKE MANY OTHERS

"How fast is your car, Jimson?" asked Harkaway.  
"Well," said Jimson, "it keeps about six months ahead of my income generally."  
—Harper's Weekly.

### FRACTURED LANGUAGE

"You broke your word."  
"I d-d-didn't."  
"There you go, breaking another."  
—New York Times.

### STATISFIED

"I can give you a cold bite," said the woman.  
"Why not warm it up?" asked the tramp.  
"There ain't any wood sawed."  
"So? Well, give it to me cold."  
—New York Sun.

### PANTHEISTIC

"You admit you are guilty, then?" thundered the Judge.  
"Ah do, Judge. Ah's guilty. Ah stole dem pants. But, your honah, dere ain't no sin when de motive am good. Ah stole dem pants to get baptized in."  
—Harper's Magazine.

### SLIGHTLY MISUNDERSTOOD

Railway Official (breaking the news gently to the wife of a commercial traveler)—"Ahem! madam, be calm. Your husband has met with a slight—that is to say, one of the front wheels of a passenger locomotive struck him on the cheek, and—"

Wife—"Well, sir, you needn't come round here in order to collect damages. You won't get a penny from me. If your company can't keep its property out of danger, it'll have to take the consequences. You should have your engine insured."  
—Exchange.

## PURE RICH BLOOD MADE BY HOOD'S

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## Tongue-End Topics

### Capitol Burned 18 Years Ago To-day

Eighteen years ago to-day the old State capitol building burned. It occupied the site on which the handsome State capitol building in the world now stands. The old capitol itself was regarded as one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in the United States and was much admired. It was on the morning of February 2, 1897, that some of the attaches of the Senate—the Legislature being in session, detected a strong odor of smoke in the vicinity of the Speaker's desk, but little attention was paid to it as it was thought that some one was burning old papers in the cellar. About 11 o'clock the odor became so strong that an inquiry was set on foot which resulted in the discovery that there was fire between the floor of the Lieutenant Governor's room, on the second floor, and the ceiling of the Senate chamber.

### The Firemen Summoned

Some of the capitol attaches endeavored to reach the fire, but were unsuccessful, and an alarm was sent in being responded to by several fire companies. In the meantime the Senate had been called to order by Lieutenant Governor Lyon and was proceeding with its business, and the House was very busily engaged in the passing of bills. When the firemen came, the Senate took a recess, but before it could reconvene the flames had spread so fast through the ceiling that the plaster began to drop, and this was followed by large embers and pieces of blazing wood that dropped on the Senators' desks.

### Senate Adjourned in Haste

Lieutenant Governor Lyons was absent for the moment and Senator Grady, of Philadelphia, hastily mounted the rostrum of the President pro tem, called the Senate to order and on motion the Senate adjourned for the day, overhead the flames bursting from the ceiling. Then everybody in the Senate rushed for the doors, the clerks catching up their books, bills and all official documents in their possession. The Senators, however, neglected to take anything, being under the impression that the fire would soon be extinguished. Those who were familiar with the construction of the capitol knew better. They knew that the timbers of the old building were just that much match-wood, dried and inflammable, and that the fire having gotten into the floor of the corridor outside of the office of the Lieutenant Governor, there would be no way to stop it.

### Origin of Fire a Mystery

As a matter of fact the old capitol was doomed to total destruction from the start of the fire. The origin of the fire has never been fully settled. Some say crossed electric wires caused it. These wires were run under the floor of the corridor and the room of the Lieutenant Governor and through woodwork that was dry and soft, being more like what is known as punk or vegetable tinder. A spark in such a substance could very easily ignite and smoulder and gain great headway without betraying a flame and at the same time give out an odor of burning wood.

### Water Supply Deficient

It was but a short time until the fire had eaten its way through the hall floors to the hall of the House of Representatives, and once there it was apparent that nothing could be saved and the legislators began to hustle out of the back doors to safety. Meantime the Senate side was a mass of flames, and the efforts of the firemen, the entire department having by that time been called out, were futile. The water supply was pitifully deficient, no stream being thrown higher than the first story, and those who would gladly have worked to save the old building were powerless and stood around until the main structure was a mass of ruins. The only part of the building saved was a rear wing containing committee rooms and a few transcribing rooms, with the room set apart for the Legislative Correspondents' Association.

### Big Dome Falls With Crash

About 1 o'clock, the big dome fell with a crash, throwing up a great shower of sparks, and that was the last of the old capitol. Those Senators who laughed when the fire first broke out and when they were told that the session they were holding was the last they would ever hold in the old building, regretted that they had not attempted to save some of their personal belongings, but about the only salvage was of a few desks from the House and a number of pieces of furniture from the rooms at the rear of the Speaker's desk. The Senate chamber contents were a total loss. It may be remarked that a fierce snow and sleet storm prevailed while the old capitol burned, something similar to the weather of yesterday.

THOMAS M. JONES.

The Harrisburg Polyclinic Dispensary will be open daily except Sunday at 3 p. m., at its new location, Front and Fifth streets, for the free treatment of the worthy poor.

## "MEL" TROTTER TELLS LIFE STORY

Song Service at This Evening's Meeting Will Be Led by Tabernacle Chorus

## RECEPTION FOR MISSION WORKER

Organizer of Chain of Fifty Rescue Stations Will Go From This City to Philadelphia Where He Will Take Part in "Billy" Sunday Service

"Mel" Trotter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., leader of Rescue Missions, arrived in this city shortly after noon to-day for his mass meetings in the Chestnut street auditorium, this afternoon and evening.

He was met by George W. Riley, whose guest he will be during his stay here, members of the board of directors of the local Rescue Mission, and Griffith Jones, the superintendent. An automobile tour of the city was enjoyed, during which Mr. Trotter called to pay his respects to Governor Brumbaugh at Capitol Hill, and to Mayor Royal and Chief of Police Hutchinson at the city headquarters.

The afternoon meeting, which was for women, was well attended. James W. Barker, president of the Harrisburg City Rescue Mission, presided. The singing was led by a ladies' choir from the Stough evangelistic chorus, the "Make Christ King" song book being used. Mr. Trotter gave an address on the story of his life, and outlined the need and the usefulness of his chain of Rescue Missions which he has established in fifty cities in America.

After the afternoon meeting to-day, Mr. Trotter is to be tendered a reception by a number of local business men at supper in the Commonwealth hotel. The Mayor and chief of police will be present.

The evening mass meeting, intended principally for men, but from which women will not be excluded, starts at 7.15 with a song service by a mixed chorus from the Stough tabernacle choir, under the leadership of Professor Charles Clippinger. The Stough song book will again be used. Louis Houseal and his corps of tabernacle ushers will take care of the seating and the comfort of the audience. A large attendance is looked for at the evening session to hear the story of Mr. Trotter's conversion.

No admission charge is made for either meeting, but an offering will be taken to help defray the expenses of Mr. Trotter's visit. Mr. Trotter goes from here to Philadelphia where he is one of the principal speakers at a non-denominational rally to be held there from to-day until Thursday, and he will also visit and take part in one of the services at the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle.

### CITY INCOME TAX DROPPED

Proposal Discussed Without Action by Board of Estimate

New York, Feb. 2.—A proposal to tax all salaries of more than \$2,000 a year in New York was considered yesterday by the Board of Estimate as one of several recommendations made by Mayor Mitchell's Tax Commission to investigate new sources of revenue for the city.

The Board adjourned without taking action on the suggestion, and Mayor Mitchell announced that there was little likelihood of such an income tax being levied in New York in the near future.

### Sends Volunteer Expert to Jail

Bloomington, Feb. 2.—Frees Rupert, of Beaver Valley, staggered up to the bench in court yesterday, after being ordered from a local hotel, and sought to inform Judge Evans that playing checkers for money was not gambling. The judge committed him to jail for contempt.

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### PASTOR ON MURDER JURY

Northumberland Minister Selected in Sunbury Shooting Case

Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 2.—Charged with the murder of Nicholas Gedro, who died of bullet wounds after a fight in a Mount Carmel hotel, Bruno Verano and Antonio Lacroche, both of Mount Carmel, were put on trial in Judge Moser's court yesterday. More than 100 talesmen were examined before a jury was obtained.

The Rev. H. C. Michael, of Northumberland, was selected as juror number one after nearly a whole day had been spent trying to get a jury.

### Prince's Help for Peasants

Petrograd, Feb. 2.—Prince Dominique Radzivil, a member of Poland's ancient aristocracy, has come to Petrograd to seek material aid for his homeless and starving countrymen.

### MURDER SUSPECTED IN DEATH

Dead Man Clutches Revolver, but Powder Marks Are Lacking

Norristown, Pa., Feb. 2.—Clutching a revolver in his hand, but with a hole in his head devoid of powder marks, John Kuna was found dead on the Gregory farm at Cynwyd, in Lower Merion township. While it looks like suicide, Coroner McGlathery thinks that shot was fired from a distance.

About 6 o'clock Sunday night a noise as though an automobile tire exploded came from the little place in which Kuna lived, which led to an investigation. Kuna was 49 years old.

### Harrisburg Hospital

The Harrisburg Hospital is open daily except Sunday, between 1 and 2 o'clock p. m., for dispensing medical advice and prescriptions to those unable to pay for them.

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