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MOON'S PHASES—
Last Quarter, 7th; New Moon, 13th;
First Quarter, 21st.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night with lowest temperature about 15 degrees. Thursday fair and warmer.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Thursday; warmer Thursday. Light to moderate variable winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG
Highest, 28; lowest, 12; 8 a. m., 22; 8 p. m., 24.

DON'T BLAME THE BAKERS!

Some of the bakers of Harrisburg have advanced the price of bread,—either by making the loaf smaller or by adding a cent to the cost of a loaf. Others have made no change either in the cost or the size of the loaf.

The first class, it is assumed, includes only those bakers whose supplies of flour—bought before the recent abnormal advance in the price of wheat began—have become exhausted and who are now compelled to pay, roughly, 50 per cent. more for their flour than before. The second class are those bakers who still have flour bought at the old price and who therefore have not as yet had to advance the cost of their bread in order to escape financial loss in producing it for the public.

There may be a few bakers in this city who are taking advantage of the public by putting up the price of their bread when they still have supplies of flour bought at the old price, but we doubt if there are any such. We believe the bakers of Harrisburg and vicinity are playing fair with their customers.

Bakers whose flour has become exhausted and who have now to pay half again as much for it as they used to pay, are not gouging their customers when they reduce the weight of their loaves or increase the cost of them. Bakers who still have flour bought at a price which permits them to make a fair profit without making any kind of an advance in the cost of their loaves also are dealing fairly with their customers. Moreover, the latter will be justified in advancing the price when their present stocks of flour run out if by that time the price of flour is as high as it is to-day.

If there are any local bakers who still have flour bought at the low rate and who are putting up the price of their loaves notwithstanding that fact, they and they only are the ones who are deserving of public censure.

The fact is that such increases in the price of bread as have taken place in this community cannot be blamed on the bakers, taking them as a class. The blame, if it can be placed at all, must be put on the shoulders of speculators in wheat who, there is reason to believe, have taken advantage of the increased demand for the grain, growing out of the European war, to manipulate the price and raise it beyond the figure that it might reasonably be expected to reach under the economic law of supply and demand.

The federal government is now engaged in making a vigorous investigation to learn if speculators are actually boosting the wheat price to a point beyond that justified by the demand from abroad, which admittedly is abnormal, and the government may reasonably be expected to place the blame where it belongs.

HARVARD PROBES BAD SPELLING

A committee of the Harvard faculty is engaged in devising means to improve the spelling and English composition of students. If the worthy professors accomplish their purpose they will do the world vastly more good than if they were to discover an unlisted comet or bring to light an unknown bug.

Educators seem to be convincing themselves that they have not been devoting enough time, or perhaps have not been devoting limited time properly, to the training of school children in spelling and composition. Even at Harvard, where the attentions of professors and students are fixed on high and lofty things, imperfections in the written work of the students have been causing the faculty annoyance, and the decision has been reached that there is something wrong with the training of the men in simple branches that needs to be remedied.

Colleges and universities, of course, blame the high schools and academies for deficiencies in the preparation of students; the high schools pass the responsibility on to the grammar schools, and the shifting thus continues until it can go no farther. There are, no doubt, faults all along the line that ought to be corrected, and the start that has been made to better conditions offers some hope.

One educator has pointed out that although for ordinary purposes school children, while they are school children, use no more than 2,100 words, the spelling books seek to convey instruction in about 15,000. It is evident that time spent in the learning of the useless words could be much better employed in the mastering of the really essential ones.

Words in common use have been found to be the words wrongly spelled in the cases of many students. Business men have complained, too, that their stenographers and clerks have been unable to spell properly the terms most frequently used in business transactions.

That many college students who know how to spell words do not know how to use them, is conclusively demonstrated by specimens of themes which are published from time to time, just as they were submitted by the boys to the professors in English. The plan has been suggested to abolish separate courses in English composition in colleges, and to pay more attention to the written work of students in the other departments.

If the causes of students' deficiencies in spelling and composition are more carefully investigated, remedies may soon be suggested and tried. It is well that Harvard has directed attention to such little details as imperfections in the writing of its students, and favorable results are awaited.

WORTH OF MAWSON'S LECTURE

Sir Douglas Mawson, famous Antarctic explorer, demonstrated by his illustrated lecture in the Majestic theatre last night that a scientist's account of an important expedition into formerly unknown regions of the world may be not only instructive but also highly entertaining. The large audience, including Governor Brumbaugh and many of Harrisburg's leading citizens, unmistakably expressed its delight in the vivid descriptions given by the explorer of conditions in the South Polar region, and in the really beautiful moving pictures of huge ice formations, of abundant animal life and of great wind storms carrying with them blinding snow.

If any persons in the theatre attended the lecture with the expectation of hearing only a highly scientific elucidation of matters pertaining to velocity of South Polar winds, varying temperatures in different localities, unusual rock formations and the like, they were surely disappointed, for Sir Douglas, far from making use of technical terms not generally understood, spoke in the simplest style in recounting his remarkable experiences.

Because a lecture like last night's is intended primarily to be instructive is no reason why it cannot be delightful as well, and Sir Douglas certainly provided his audience with a most pleasing evening's entertainment. Not that he tried especially to assume the role of entertainer, for he made no visible efforts in that direction, but what he had to tell and to show was of such real interest that it most delightfully engaged the attention of all present.

It is gratifying that so many persons attended the lecture, even though they could not have known previously everything that was in store for them. The Harrisburg Natural History Society is to be complimented for its enterprise in bringing Sir Douglas to Harrisburg,—one city out of three in this state which he is visiting,—and for thus giving Harrisburgers opportunity to enjoy a treat of the sort that is all too rare.

"Uncle Henry" has friends who are worth while.

There was nothing arctic or antarctic in the reception Sir Douglas Mawson received in Harrisburg.

Why not swing the Stars and Stripes over all Europe and see if the belligerents will cease firing?

Whatever other failings our law-makers have they never fail to adjourn promptly when the motion is put.

If the American flag can be used to protect an English liner from molestation in the war zone why can't England recognize it as a protection to American merchant ships against their being held up?

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

A WESTERN ROMANCE

"And do you really love me?"

"Love you? Darling, you're dearer to me than my wheat."—Buffalo Express.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION

A correction should be made in regard to the report of the singing class in the last issue; absent 3 instead of 30. —Monticello (Ark.) Advance.

CONSIDERATE FATHER

If there is only one bottle of castor oil in the house, Father is willing Mother should have it all because it will do her good. But if there is only one bottle of beer in the house, Father drinks it himself because it might not agree with Mother.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

MODERN EDUCATION

"Helping a child with his lessons used to mean that you wrote a composition or did a few sums."

"Well?"

"Now you may have to model something in clay or even go out and capture a live snake."—Pittsburgh Post.

MODESTY REWARDED

"She quit because the manager of the show asked her to wear tights."

"You seldom see a chorus girl like that."

"Seldom, indeed. The incident gave her so much free advertising that she is now drawing a fancy salary in vaudeville for posing as a living-picture model."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Tongue-End Topics

The Man in the Bargain Rush

"Frequently I have longed for the experience of getting into a rush of bargain seekers," said the man who rarely shops, "and I got all I wanted when I tried to get a few of the Kaufman bargains in Harrisburg this week."

The man who made these remarks is not a Harrisburger. He has had very little experience shopping in the stores of the capital city, but his impressions are interesting.

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He Went There Early

"You know, I went to the store early—say about 8.30 o'clock," he said, "and, although I expected to be the first one there, I was surprised to see no less than a hundred men, women and girls had beaten me to it. I took a position on the sidewalk, at the curb, for you couldn't get any closer to the store, and I thought surely I would get into the building on the first rush.

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Waiting in the Crowd

"When they opened the door the first time I moved up about three feet. The door went to and there I was. A foreign woman was standing immediately back of me at that time and there was something about her that led me to believe she had had garlic for breakfast. I thought I could get over that with ease, but soon I felt like pulling off my overcoat.

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Outwitted by a Woman

"Warm, eh? Why, I was as warm as a setting hen. By the time the door was opened again, some five or ten minutes later, I had moved up possibly three feet more, but it seemed as though I had advanced but a few inches. This foreign woman was getting anxious by this time and suddenly she made a dip as though she had lost her purse. I was willing to be obliging and offered all the excess space I could, but to my surprise I found that when she straightened up she was standing in front of me. That looked real cute, and I was forced to smile as I thought how stupid I had been. A minute or so later this same woman made another dip, came up and had moved ahead of the next fellow.

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He Had to Smile

"'Huh, what do you know about that?' the man blurted out as he turned about and faced me. I made no reply, but smiled. The fellow stared at me, but soon he, too, began to laugh. A chilly wind that was blowing lent a vermillion color to my nose and soon I felt myself in need of a handkerchief.

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Couldn't Get His Hands Down

"I had a kerchief in my overcoat pocket and I thought I was fortunate. By squeezing the persons away from my side a few inches I managed to get the handkerchief to my nose. Then the crowd moved up and I could not put my arms down again. There I stood, posing, hands up, just as though the fellow ahead of me was pointing a gun in my face. And in that position I entered the store, three-quarters of an hour later. Within the next hour I made two purchases one for six cents and the other for forty-nine, and by noon I was ready to start for home."

SUES FOR FRANK REWARD

Factory Employe Claims $1,000 for Conviction of Slayer

Atlanta, Feb. 10.—Robert Barrett sued the city of Atlanta yesterday for $1,000 reward offered for the conviction of the slayer of Mary Phagan. Barrett says Leo M. Frank would not have been convicted without his aid. Barrett worked in Frank's factory and discovered strands of the girl's hair in the metal room, where the State claims Mary Phagan was murdered.

Barrett was a leading witness against Frank. Barrett sued after the City Council refused to pay the reward. Rewards aggregating $5,000 were offered in the Phagan case, but none has been paid.

Turks Didn't Expect Greeting

Mitylene, Via Paris, Feb. 10, 5.10 A. M.—Several English and French aeroplanes flew over Turkish Thrace yesterday afternoon, according to a dispatch from Tenedos. Two of the machines went as far as Adrianople, dropping bombs on the forts. The Turks are said to have been unprepared for a bombardment, as they did not expect allied aircraft to venture so far inland.

Not So Mad as All That

"I never saw a woman so mad. In her rage she stamped up and down the room."

"And tore her hair, I suppose."

"Mercy, no! It cost too much."—Boston Transcript.

LEON RICE WILL SING AT STEVENS CHURCH FRIDAY

Vocalist Who Met With Success in West Last Year Has Been Engaged for Appearances at California Exposition

Leon Rice, who gives "An Evening of Song" at Stevens Memorial M. E. church on Friday evening, has filled many important engagements. Beginning with an appearance at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 he has made a most enviable record.

LEON RICE

The music committee at the Jamestown Exposition selected him to give a series of twelve recitals in the immense auditorium, and the Norfolk, Va., "Landmark" said: "His singing has been one of the most prominent features of the entire exposition, creating a daily sensation."

JENNIE CAESAR-RICE

Singing with the Shriners' band of 120 pieces on a tour of California last winter the Sacramento "Star" says: "An audience of about 4,000 people applauded him to the echo in the Agricultural Pavilion, forcing him to respond to double and triple encores after each number." So great was Mr. Rice's success in the West last year, that the directors of the Panama-California Exposition had engaged him for several appearances during 1915.

These important engagements speak in a most emphatic manner as to Mr. Rice's popularity and musical ability. Jennie Caesar-Rice who accompanies her husband at all his concerts, played at Chicago World's Fair, when but a child, and in competition with scores of pianists won a medal, a distinction of which she is justly proud.

"England's Menace"

A powerful plea for preparedness in periods of peace is "England's Menace," a thrilling photo drama in five reels which heads to-day's bill of above the average motion pictures at the Victoria Theatre, 223 Market street. The production, which is dedicated to the peace-loving people of the world, is set in the present scene of war in Europe, is one of the most timely and dramatic screen plays ever shown. It is in the nature of a prophecy and stirred England where it was shown and has caused a sensation where shown in this country because of our small standing army. The scenes show battleships stripped for action and in war array are impressive to a high degree. Don't fail to see it to-day.

Another extra attraction offered by the Victoria management to-morrow will be "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," in five parts. Don't forget it's "Bargain Day" too.—Adv.