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MARCH

Calendar table for March 1915 showing days of the week and dates.

MOON'S PHASES

Full Moon, 1st, 31st; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23rd.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair weather to-night and Tuesday; somewhat colder to-night.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair weather to-night and Tuesday; somewhat colder to-night in south portion.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 33; lowest, 30; 8 a. m., 30; 8 p. m., 32.

LET'S HAVE MADE-IN-HARRISBURG TRACTORS!

Some months ago there was held in the Board of Trade building an exhibition of many products made in Harrisburg, the ostensible purpose of which was to educate Harrisburgers to the high quality of Harrisburg-made goods and, above all to point out of them the advantages to the community of patronizing home industries.

We believe the principle of buying Made-in-Harrisburg goods has been adopted by many persons as a result of that exhibition, and that much local benefit has accrued therefrom, but there are many more persons who could adopt that principle if they would.

It is reported that when the City Commissioners meet to-morrow and the matter of awarding bids for five new pieces of motor fire apparatus comes before them, they will seriously consider awarding the contract for three tractors to an out-of-town firm despite the fact that a lower bid has been made on such machines by the Morton Truck and Tractor Company, a Harrisburg industrial establishment.

The only objection that has been raised to the purchase of the less-costly Harrisburg-made tractors,—at least so far as has been brought to the public attention,—is that the local concern offers four-wheel machines while those which it is proposed to buy out of town are of the two-wheel variety. No reason, apparently, has been advanced to show that the two-wheel are superior to the four-wheel tractors. If it can be shown that the local tractors can do the work just as well or better than the others there is absolutely no excuse for not buying the tractors here,—especially as they cost less money.

The only way to determine whether the tractors made in Harrisburg will meet the requirements of the department is to give them a fair test, and any effort to rush the contract through until such a test can be made must be construed as unfair and foreign to the whole spirit of the Made-in-Harrisburg campaign.

We are told that in a few days the Morton Company will be in a position to demonstrate the merits of its machine. The demand for the new motor vehicles here is not so pressing that the award of the contract cannot be postponed even for several weeks, if necessary, and the taxpayers of the city should protest against any precipitate action by the City Commissioners that would deprive the Harrisburg concern of a fair opportunity to show what its tractors can do.

There is a motor-driven combination chemical wagon, made by the Morton people, which has been in use in the Fire Department here for several months and which apparently has given entire satisfaction. Moreover, the company has demonstrated that other motor-driven vehicles it has made have met all the requirements of exacting purchasers, including the Russian and British governments.

Certainly, therefore, the local company's tractors, if they stand the test of the local department,

should be bought for Harrisburg in preference to those of an out-of-town firm whose bid is higher.

COMPENSATION BUT NO CONSOLATION

From the humble homes of miners on the side of Quinimont Mountain in West Virginia, funeral parties have since last Wednesday been following simple coffins to hurriedly prepared graves in a Hinton cemetery, where fifty such narrow cells are now the resting places of as many victims of Tuesday's explosion in the Layland mines. About twice that number of bodies had, up to this morning, been taken from the scene of the awful catastrophe, the excavations of the anxious rescuers yesterday having resulted in eleven additional gruesome discoveries.

The afflicted families may now be thinking of little more than the losses of loved ones, through an accident as horrifying as it was sudden, nor need they give immediate attention to means of support, for under the Compensation Act of West Virginia they will receive needed aid.

Compensation can hardly carry with it much consolation, however, and decidedly more cheering to contemplate is the fact that forty-seven of the entombed miners have been taken alive from the trap in the earth and have returned to their homes where they had been mourned as lost. We are told that all of these men, after existing for a hundred dragging hours in their subterranean prison without food or drink, are in good condition and will survive. Their return as from the dead has gladdened but half as many homes as the departure of lifeless bodies to their graves has saddened in the little mountain community, yet the number of survivors is large considering the nature of the catastrophe.

The rescuers seem to have done noble work in searching for the bodies of victims, lifeless and living, and the survivors when facing death, appear to have done much for their own salvation. The workers outside of the mine were urged on by the possibility that they might be able to find still alive some few of the entombed men, and on Saturday, from early morning to early afternoon, the number rescued went from thirty to forty-seven. These forty-seven apparently owe much to their own cool-headed operations while in confinement, by which they protected themselves behind barricades from the poisonous gases and preserved their lives until the way could be cleared for their escape.

The tax-payers look to the City Commissioners to live up to the Made-in-Harrisburg idea.

Soon as the snow goes,—and it is going fast,—the street repairs problem will bob up again to harass the City Commissioners.

Better not do any more river front filling till we see whether the melting of the present snow is going to cause a new flood in the Susquehanna!

The youth who married a widow who is the mother of nine children ought not to remain long at his job as a laborer. He has enough fortitude to qualify him for the post of general in the army.

Will the City Commissioners vote to-morrow to pay more good money for dirt for the river front fill to a company that is gladly giving away large quantities of the same kind of dirt to individuals?

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

FEW PERFECT PEOPLE

Practice makes perfect, but how long a time it takes no one has ever found out.—Deseret News.

EVERYTHING GOES

"I see one man has dramatized a popular adage and another a popular song." "Well!" "I wonder if they couldn't dramatize my popular brand of chewing gum?"—Kansas City Journal.

HIS STRONG POINT

"Senator Flubdub looks stupid to me. Doesn't appear to know whether he is going or coming." "He is not so sleepy as he looks. Ask him about his mileage and you'll find he can tell you exactly what he is entitled to, going or coming."—Kansas City Journal.

INSIDE CRITICISM

"So you are going to be married, Mary?" "Yes, ma'am, and I'll be leaving you next Tuesday." "Well, I hope you are getting a good husband." "If he ain't any better than the one you've got I won't keep him long."—Detroit Free Press.

SMILE!

Joke with him who jostles you, Smile on him who hurries you, Laugh at him who pushes you, It doesn't cost a cent!

Don't be carrying round that chip, Wink your eyes and curve your lip, From life's sunshine take a sip, It doesn't cost a cent!

Don't be always first to rile, Your neighbor—give him just a smile, It will cheer the dullest while, And doesn't cost a cent!

WITH A SMILE

If you're in a world of trouble, With a hundred little woes, Short on joy and full of sadness, All your friends are slinking foes; You are burdened with a soreness Of the heart that makes it smile With that lonesome, sickly feeling, Try the glad game for a while.

When the world is hard and heedless Of its smiles to others lent, And you owe your bank a million, Though you do not own a cent; Still you know that you are worthy Of ten times the gold you owe, Face the teller with the smile game, Watch it on his features grow.

Would you cross the happy threshold Of prosperity and peace, Shun the pathway of the moiler—Toil your pleasures aye increase. Lift your face and set it beaming Like a smiling goldenrod; Watch the joy-game lead you heavenward Through prosperity to God.

—Edwin P. Haworth, in the Book News Monthly.

Omega Oil For Sprains and Bruises

The first thing to do for a sprain or a bruise is to cover the hurt with a piece of flannel soaked with Omega Oil. Quick relief usually follows this simple treatment. Trial bottle 10c.

Tongue-End Topics

Her Dollar Grew to Five

Ben K. Focht, Congressman numerous times from the Shoe-string district and now Congressman-elect, was on his way home to Lewisburg the other day from a trip to Washington, accompanied by his daughter. Stopping over in Harrisburg for a brief period, it occurred to Mr. Focht that while he was in Harrisburg years ago he put a dollar in a bank to his daughter's account, on interest, and he wondered just how much that dollar had grown since then. He took the young woman around to the bank, made known his wish to withdraw the deposit, and the daughter received a \$5 bill.

"There," said the thrifty Congressman to his daughter, "you see how money grows. Perhaps you had better call at some more of the Harrisburg banks to see whether any more has grown for you."

But the young woman knew that father was having his little joke and declined to pursue the search any further.

Honey Boy Evans Remembered Here

George (Honey Boy) Evans, the famous minstrel man, who died in Baltimore on Friday last, was a guest of the Muzzle Club at its annual banquet the last time he was in Harrisburg, two years ago. Mr. Evans was himself a newspaper man before entering the minstrel business, and he was right at home with the Muzzlers, telling many entertaining reminiscences of his career as a printer and publisher of a country newspaper in Kansas. He had a bright wit, was exceedingly clever at a repartee, and the Muzzlers found him a worthy foe in a joust at "joshing."

Dogs Neglected in War Zone

Stray dogs continue to be a sort of by-product of the war in Paris. Besides the animals intentionally abandoned, there are on the average about fifteen a day taken to the pound by their owners who are unable to feed them and who prefer to have their pets asphyxiated rather than turn them loose to their fate. The animals of the zoological section of the Jardin des Plantes were never so neglected by the public, and for the first time in its interesting career the pet bear, "Martin," who once required his favorite rabbit's foot before he could be enticed from his den, is now glad to climb out of his pit and to the edge of the railing for anything that is eatable. The director of the zoological section has found it necessary to increase the rations of all his boarders by reason of this abandonment.

Paris Sparrows Grow Thin

The sparrows that were formerly fed in the squares and public gardens by the sewing girls from the dressmakers' establishments, from the remnants of their mid-day lunches, are thin and woe-begone. The large flock of pigeons of the Square de la Trinite, which was formerly fed by thoughtful visitors, has dispersed almost entirely in the search for better feeding places. Some of the birds have found their way to the Jardin des Tuileries, where they share with the pigeons of that quarter the protection of the veteran letter carrier, Monsieur Pol, one of the characters of Paris familiar to every visitor. Monsieur Pol's feathered friends have nothing to complain of excepting that they have been obliged to learn new roles imposed by the state of war. The exercises for which he trained them have all been given a military character. The present favorite of the flock is a dignified bird that responds with stately gravity to the name of "General French." The flying corps is very large and responds readily to the order "In the air."

Russians Impress Berlin Writer

A more favorable view of the discipline in the Russian army in Galicia than prevailed during the autumn invasion of East Prussia is given by Leonhard Adelt, the war correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt," who recently visited Neu-Sandee, on the Dunajec river, a short time after it had been evacuated by the Russian army. At the corner of one street he saw a hook fastened to the wall, from which, as he was informed by the citizens, the Russians had hanged one of their soldiers for plundering. There was still visible on the adjacent wall the following inscription in Russian: "The Czar sent out soldiers, not pillagers, to fight for him."

Uncle Henry Houck Is 79

Lebanon, March 8.—Henry Houck, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Saturday attained the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was the recipient of many felicitations. He continues to be in spirit one of the young members of the community and as much as ever continues to hold his title as the "apostle of sunshine." The natal anniversary Saturday was not formally celebrated other than in the receipt of many telegrams and post cards.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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Opposes Repeal of Full Crew Law

Editor the Star-Independent. Dear Sir—At a regular meeting of Keystone Lodge No. 42, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, held Sunday, February 28, 1915, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The men employed in train service in the State of Pennsylvania in order to properly safeguard their own lives and the lives of the traveling public, by supporting the enactment of a full crew law, and,

"Whereas, The railroad companies operating within the State are complaining of the increased cost of operating under this law, regardless of the increased safety surrounding the movements of their trains, have inaugurated a movement to have the full crew law repealed at the present session of the Legislature, and,

"Whereas, It appears to be the purpose of the railroad companies to create sentiment against this law by misrepresenting its application, by willfully substituting the title of the extra crew law, instead of the full crew law, and,

"Whereas, This is unfair to the men in train service and also to the public, because it leads them to believe that the law requires the railroad companies to place an extra crew on all trains which is not the fact, and,

"Therefore Be It Resolved, That Keystone Lodge No. 42, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen located in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., and numbering five hundred (500) good and loyal citizens most sincerely ask you to use your influence and vote not to have the full crew law repealed.

"Attest, "W. H. Patuck, Secretary, "2311 North Sixth Street, "Harrisburg, Pa. "Approved, H. S. Wartz, President, "Harrisburg, Pa., March 8, 1915.

Want Full Crew Law Repealed

Editor, the Star-Independent. Dear Sir—The full crew law is not a safeguard to humanity, neither is it a safeguard to corporate interests. The federal acts of 1893, with amendments, laws of 1903 and 1910, and the order of 1911, are for the purpose of safeguarding all those who handle and use railroad trains.

The law of the Commonwealth, ordering full crews for railroad trains does not, in any manner, serve the purpose of protection to either travelers or those handling the trains. All railroads have applied to their rolling equipment such appliances, designed by experts, and are at the present time applying additional safeguards and changing some of those that had previously been applied because of no advantages for safety.

In compliance with the latest federal order for safety to railroad cars, equipping of same must be completed by July 1, 1916, costing approximately five and one-half million dollars on the Pennsylvania railroad alone. Rolling equipment is not the only item of danger that is being protected, but every other detail connected with railroads and their property is being viewed thoroughly by competent mechanics, individually and in committees, from whose judgment and recommendations they are made safe.

Safety rallies are called by railroad officials, getting together all of their employes and urging, by able mechanical speakers, the importance of arriving at the highest standard of safety by every means possible, going so far as to advocate one employe taking care of the other, so as to eliminate exclusively the slightest injury which might occur by careless acts or otherwise.

Train running is but one part of the service in which there must be employed a certain number of men for assigned duties. There are many, in fact, a very large majority of other services, for which there is no law, providing for a number of men to do a certain amount of work, and, the question arises as to why a law has been enacted compelling the employment of a man where he is not actually needed. It would appear that law only enters into this one subject, notwithstanding, all the efforts that have been made for safety and the men that would be employed and are employed where necessary for safety without law.

Motive Power, Harrisburg, Pa., March 8, 1915.

Returns to the Hub



Mr. Friedman, who was formerly a popular salesman for about five years at the Hub, but who resigned about a year ago to engage in another line of business, returned to the Hub this morning as salesman of the children's clothing department. Mr. Friedman has a thorough knowledge of the clothing business and is well qualified to fill his new position. He is affable and painstaking in his dealings with the public and has a host of friends, who will be pleased to learn that he is back in his old position again.

J. F. Barnhart Company Gets Contract

The contract for the new building to be erected at Jednota, to be used for nuns of the Sisters of St. Methodias, has been let to the J. F. Barnhart Company of this city. The work is to be started at once and completed by August 1; consisting of a frame bungalow for the spiritual adviser and a brick structure for a sisterhood home. George F. Schroeder, of Wilkes-Barre, is the architect and the contract price is \$15,000.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF 1,000 Music Rolls. March 9, 10 and 11, only. Over 1,000 of the best 88-note music rolls, popular pieces, classics, operatic, musical comedy, dance, sacred—rolls to suit every taste and which fit any standard 88-note Player; At the prices To-morrow, Wednesday and Thursday Only. 50c Rolls, . . . . . 23¢ \$1.25 Rolls, . . . . . 58¢ 75c Rolls, . . . . . 34¢ \$1.50 Rolls, . . . . . 69¢ \$1.00 Rolls, . . . . . 48¢ \$1.75 Rolls, . . . . . 79¢ \$2.00 Rolls, . . . . . 89¢. Come as early as possible. The quality of these rolls and the very low prices will create a great demand for them. J. H. Troup Music House, Troup Building, 15 S. Market Square.

SAFETY FIRST DEFECTIVE STAIR TREADS. (UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY THE STAR-INDEPENDENT PRINTS EACH MONDAY A PRACTICAL ARTICLE BEARING ON THE "SAFETY FIRST" MOVEMENT OR KINDRED SUBJECTS, PREPARED BY THAT BRANCH OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, OF WHICH COMMISSIONER JOHN PRICE JACKSON IS THE HEAD.) An examination of causes of accidents which were reported to the Department of Labor and Industry during 1914 show that 3,437 were caused by slipping or tripping. Accidents of this nature are generally due to inequalities or unevenness in the floors, passageways, stairways, etc. Frequently, inspectors of the department notice, as they make inspections in various establishments throughout the Commonwealth, that there are very many stairways in a dangerous condition. In some cases, owing to the nature of the establishment, material has been deposited on the steps which makes them uneven. In many instances wooden stairways are found to be so worn by the constant tramping of many feet that the treads in some portions are almost worn through. As this worn-out condition is found usually on the front edge of the tread, many manufacturers have corrected this condition by reversing the treads and using the underside. The danger which such irregular and uneven surfaces occasion is very seldom realized by the owners of the buildings in question until the matter is called to their attention. Many accidents have been caused by such defects, and, for that reason, the attention of the public is directed to this dangerous condition found in so many places. Frequently, where such conditions exist, no hand rails have been provided, and a person tripping on the steps would have nothing to grasp in order to regain his balance. A slight misstep on a stairway without a hand-rail might generally result in serious accident, while a similar misstep on a stairway provided with a handrail might have no serious result. Iron or stone stairways, the treads of which have been worn smooth, are often as serious a menace to safety as ones with defective treads. This condition should also be looked after and means used to correct the defect. In some cases, this may be done by roughing the surface of the steps by suitable methods, or else by covering them with material of a "non-slip" character. The Department of Labor and Industry would, therefore, urge all owners of buildings, where employes or the public are accustomed to using the stairways of such buildings, to see that these stairways are maintained in a safe condition and are provided with handrails. Where stairs are less than eight feet in width, handrails should be provided on each side; and where the width is eight feet or more, center handrails should be provided. If these suggestions are carefully carried out, there will be fewer accidents upon stairways in industrial establishments and public buildings. Fire Destroys Large Barn. Nesville, March 8.—Fire last evening destroyed a large barn and shed on the premises of Frederick H. Constein. The farming implements, gasoline engine and the season's crops were destroyed. No live stock was burned. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

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