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MOON'S PHASES: Full Moon, 1st, 31st; Last Quarter, 8th; New Moon, 15th; First Quarter, 23d.

WEATHER FORECASTS: Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to bright and Saturday with not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to night and Saturday with not much change in temperature.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 43; lowest, 33; 8 a. m., 34; 8 p. m., 37.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR STEELE: In the death yesterday of Professor William Sherman Steele Harrisburg lost not only a High School principal who has accomplished more good for the local academic institution in the last decade than can ever be measured, but also a noble citizen of the sort that helps to make a community better and greater.

Ten years have passed since Professor Steele became principal of Central High School. During that time the institution has made pronounced progress. Much of the advancement was due directly to the efforts of the principal, who in all he did had the support of fair-minded directors, teachers and students.

Professor Steele, not long after entering upon his duties at the institution, expressed a dislike for the activities of high school fraternities and sororities and set himself in opposition to the secret organizations existing in the school. He fought to exterminate these societies and he won his fight. As a consequence, students inclined to resent too careful a supervision of their affairs came to the conclusion that they had a principal to deal with who meant to stand for what he considered just and right and to put his convictions into practice.

When the overcrowding at Central High School began some years ago, fresh responsibilities were placed on the principal's shoulders. His problems multiplied as classes grew larger. When the double session plan was put into effect, and then the courses of study rearranged, his difficulties became even greater. His last years as head of the school were most exacting ones, and would have been enough to tax unduly the energies of any man.

During his ten years' residence in this city Professor William Sherman Steele made friends of thousands of students who knew him as a principal having their best interests at heart; of school directors and teachers who knew him as an educator of marked abilities, and of many citizens who knew him as a man of strong personality and high moral worth.

HARRISBURG'S BASEBALL FUTURE: The disbanding of the Tri-State League which has provided Harrisburg with good baseball for seven years is regretted by a great many people who have derived much pleasure from witnessing the games at Island Park, but it appears to have been inevitable in view of financial risk that continuation of the organization would have placed on those few men who have assumed this burden in the past.

We doubt if anybody ever made a great amount of money out of Tri-State baseball. Indeed the fact that Harrisburg was provided with the high class exhibitions it witnessed in the last eleven years was due more to the love for the sport that prompted a few individuals to finance the team rather than to any expectation on their part to make money out of it. These men, therefore, can hardly be blamed for not being willing to assume the risk in the coming year when, judging from the last season, there is not very much prospect for minor league baseball being self-sustaining in this part of the country.

Harrisburg, however, will not be without good baseball attractions. Not only will the two high schools have fast teams in the field, but this city is to be represented in the Central Pennsylvania League, composed of teams from towns in the immediate vicinity of Harrisburg, which had a remarkably successful season last year. The financial risk involved in having a team in the Central is nothing like as great as that of maintaining a team in the Tri-State League has been, for there is far less expense involved in transporting the players to the nearby towns that compose the Central than there was in carrying them around the Tri-State circuit whose cities are at much greater distances apart.

Another good feature of the Central League is that the members of the teams are more nearly representative of the towns they play for, and this adds an element of local interest to the efforts of individual players that makes the game all the more interesting. We hope the Central will have a prosperous season.

CRIMINALS ON THE FIRING LINE: A decrease in crime in London, Paris, Berlin and other important European cities has been reported since the outbreak of the war. It has been attributed to the plainer life of persons high in society, which lessens temptation among those of lower stations, as well as to the dearth of dime novel literature and other mediums through which crime is fostered. We might contribute the additional suggestion that there is less crime in the cities because some of the criminals are on the firing lines.

At the time when mobilization was beginning in European countries the fear was expressed that a period of lawlessness would start in the larger communities. Such a state of affairs might well have been anticipated, since the maintenance of law and order is a difficult undertaking in times of great general excitement. That crime should have decreased instead of increased in the cities is therefore not a little surprising, and must depend for its solution on the whereabouts of the criminals from whom a reign of terror might have been expected to have had its origin.

Though men of the criminal classes may by their absence be permitting a decrease in crime in the cities, they are doubtless seeing to it on the field that their abilities to pillage, to despoil, to injure and to kill are being well exercised, and that their criminal tendencies are in consequence being developed from day to day. They have merely exchanged the narrow confines of cities as the scenes of their activities for the broad fields of battle where they can satisfy many of their criminal instincts not in violation of the law but in compliance with it.

Within the last half year crime in Europe has had a remarkable increase, despite the insignificant reports from various cities which are for the present comparatively secure in the absence of some of the plunderers and murderers. The accounts from the fields of battle of wholesale homicide carried on daily and hourly are the real sources of information regarding the spread of crime in the warring nations.

Distinctions must most certainly be drawn between the ethics involved in the killing of soldiers in time of war and in the killing of civilians at any time, but such distinctions do not make human lives less precious nor the shedding of human blood less horrifying. Violence and destruction accomplished in the name of valor, honor and patriotism, even though glorified, are revolting to all but the blood-thirsty.

Crime has fallen off in London, Paris, Berlin and other cities, perhaps, but at what a gigantic cost to Europe!

Get-away Day for the Legislature may be fixed for May 6, but the Senate has not yet had a say. Cheer up! We shall have the inter-scholastic games on the island to keep up the interest in athletics.

The Tri-state is but a memory in Harrisburg. And now can any one tell who has the Farnsworth cup? That legislative party going to the launching of the battleship "Pennsylvania" can at least buy "Ole Virginny peanuts" out of the contingent fund.

No, gentle reader, the arrival of a German warship at Newport News was not in anticipation of the invasion by the Pennsylvania legislative party.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN: ONE FOR THE OPTIMIST: Uplifter—"I can see good in all things." Pat—"Can you see good in a fog?"—Judge.

A BANK DIRECTOR: "Well, I'm a bank director now." "Go 'way." "Yep. Stranger asked me to-day to direct him to the nearest bank, and I done it."—Browning's Magazine.

WHAT HE DID: The returned hero was received with open arms. Society flocked to him in swarms and droves and mobs. They made a lion of him. And he? He made a monkey of himself.—Philadelphia Ledger.

GETTING OLD: Hokus—"I feel like the oldest person in the world." Pokus—"What are you talking about? You're not a day over 35." Hokus—"Yes, but I've just been listening to a 16-year-old boy tell about the things he used to do when he was a kid."—Life.

HIS WOULDN'T WEDDING: "It's five years ago to-day, and I'm going to celebrate my wouldn't wedding." "Wouldn't wedding? Wooden, you mean?" "No. Wouldn't. Five years to-day since I asked a girl if she'd marry me and she said she wouldn't."—Browning Magazine.

HIS WAR RECORD: Naval Recruiting Officer (to actor who has applied to join the Naval Reserves)—"And what experience have you had?" Actor—"Quite considerable. I was two years a midshipman in H. M. S. Pinafore, a lieutenant in half a dozen plays and an admiral in the Chinese Honeymoon."—London Opinion.

DOCTORS USING AMOLOX WITH GREAT SUCCESS: Amolox, the new remedy for eczema and all diseases of the skin, is curing thousands of eczema sufferers that have been unable to find relief after trying everything else. A well-known physician, who had a patient with a bad case of eczema of the scalp, head almost entirely covered with scaly sores—rapidly becoming bald, reported after one week's treatment that the hair stopped falling out, scalp was rapidly healing and a new growth of healthy hair just starting. Quoting the exact words of the doctor, "That Amolox is great stuff."

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EXPOSE TRAINING SCHOOL HORRORS: So-Called "Water Cure" and Other Methods Used to Subdue Recalcitrant Girls: Report to New York Legislature Describes the Awful Torture That Victim Undergoes in the Application of the "Water Cure"

Albany, N. Y., March 12.—The "water cure" and other disciplinary measures alleged to be in use at the State training school for girls at Hudson were described in a report received by the Legislature last night from the Department of Efficiency and Economy. The report recommends the removal of Dr. Hortense W. Bruce, superintendent of the institution. It says: "When profane or immoral words are spoken, the mouth is washed out with four tablespoonfuls of compound of asafoetida, gentian and nut vomica. In more serious cases strips of court plaster are placed over the mouth for 24 hours. We life the plaster at meals," the report says.

"Where a girl has been impudent, has refused to obey an officer or is unduly unruly, she is punished by what might be termed as the 'water cure.' It is set forth: 'The girl is taken to her room by the assistant superintendent, accompanied by the trained nurse of the hospital and one of the matrons of the cottage. The bedding is removed from her bed, a blanket rolled in place on the wire springs. The girl's clothes are loosened and her hands are handcuffed behind her back and leg irons are put on her feet. In this condition she is laid across the roll of the blankets on the bed. The assistant superintendent sits on the knees of the girl while the hospital nurse dips a towel in water and holds it, sopping wet, over the girl's mouth for ten minutes. The girl, being frightened, struggles, and in the endeavor to breathe through the wet towel, draws in the water. This treatment either strangles or suffocates her and is kept up until the girl gives in.'

Prof Steele's Body to Be Brought Home to-Night: Continued From First Page. lutions of regret on Professor Steele's death. Both the student body and the faculty at the Central High school will take similar action. High school athletic activities have temporarily been stopped on account of his death.

Mrs. Steele Called to Bedside: Professor Steele was taken to on November 22. His last work for the school was in connection with the preparation for the Kunkel oratorical contest, which was held November 26. He was confined to bed at his home, 1622 State street, remaining there until after Christmas. He seemed to be growing stronger and went to the New Jersey institution to regain his health. The first intimation of the seriousness of his condition came yesterday morning, when Mrs. Steele received a telegram calling her to his bedside.

He was afflicted with hardening of the arteries and excess blood pressure. It was a complication of heart and kidney trouble. Professor Steele was born on a farm near Canadawana, N. Y., and worked his way through the public schools and later through Hamilton College, in Clinton, N. Y. He took a law course in Michigan University, in Ann Arbor, and practiced law and taught school, his first responsible position as a teacher being in Springville, N. Y., where he was principal of the High school. Later he became principal of the Olean N. Y. High school and was holding that position when elected to the principalship of the local school in July, 1905. He taught fourteen years before coming to this city. He was elected when the late Dr. L. S. Shimmell declined to serve after being chosen for the post.

Professor Steele was a splendid teacher and a stern disciplinarian and was successful in coping with some of the most difficult problems of his career when the two-session plan was adopted at the local institution after a loan for a new High school was rejected by the voters. The school maintained its high standard under his direction and many changes to modern methods were made at his suggestion.

Professor Steele took up educational work at Mt. Gretna soon after his arrival here and was chancellor of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, resigning that post a few weeks ago on account of his ill health. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harrisburg Public Library, president of the Harrisburg Teachers' Association and a member of the Teachers' Retirement Board.

He was a past master in Masonic circles; a member of the Olean Lodge, F. and A. M.; Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar; Harrisburg, Consistory, Scottish Rite Masons, and Zempo Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the local chapter Modern Woodmen of America. He was a member of the Market Square Presbyterian church.

Besides his widow, Professor Steele left two daughters, Dorothy and Eleanor, and one brother.

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BEAUTY CHORUS FEATURE OF ELKS' ENTERTAINMENT: Big Company of Sixty Men Will Present "They're at It Again" at the Majestic Theatre Friday and Saturday

Elkdom in and out of Harrisburg heaved a great big sigh of relief to-day after it became definitely certain that the crisis in the movement of the Cumberland Valley bridge across the Susquehanna had been passed. Ever since announcement had been made of the coming to the Majestic Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, of the Carlisle Elks' Theatrical Association...

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