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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 night and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.
 Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to night and Thursday. Moderate west winds.
YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG
 Highest, 50; lowest, 35; 8 a. m., 38; 8 p. m., 45.

ENGLISH NEEDED IN PORTO RICO
 A bill introduced in the House of Delegates of Porto Rico to abolish the teaching of the English language in the lower grades of the public schools and to make Spanish the official language of the island has given rise to a lively contest. Supporters of the bill have brought hundreds of native boys legislative sessions to cheer for the Spanish language, while on the other hand crowds of school boys have of their own initiative gathered at public places to protest against any change in the courses study.

The natives at present are in control of both branches of the legislature, for the first time since the establishment of American civil government in Porto Rico. They are surely making bad use of their newly acquired power by trying to deprive their school children of knowledge of the English language. Such knowledge may be of more value to the students in after years than that which they acquire in all other branches of study put together.

The native Porto Ricans naturally prefer Spanish to English, for it is their mother tongue. If they are not to speak in the Romance language, they have no privilege to do so. They are not having English taught upon them by the United States to the exclusion of their own language, but invaluable opportunities are being offered to them in the public schools, established at so much expense by the Washington government, to learn English alongside Spanish, so that they may be of increased usefulness in after life in commercial and other activities.

Porto Rican boys who learn Spanish in their homes and are able through training in the public schools to speak English with equal fluency have no doubt advantages over students in the American public schools who ordinarily know but one language when they leave the grades, and afterward are often handicapped in their studies. Even in many American high schools students have no opportunity to study Spanish at all.

With demands increasing for men who speak both English and Spanish to take part in the commercial activities between North and South America, the Porto Ricans should be seeking to increase the facilities for teaching English in their schools rather than to eliminate the language from the courses of study.

BUCKING THE RULES OF HEALTH
 That "the average human being does not want to live hygienically" is the conclusion reached by the editor of "Clinical Medicine."

Very long suspected it, doctor. The average human being does not appear to be very eager to follow prescribed rules of health. In selecting his habits of living he prefers to consult himself rather than his physician. The former is not nearly so exacting as the latter.

He ever does make an honest effort to learn the conditions whereby he can live hygienically, the average human being becomes so confused as a rule that the complex rules laid down by the authorities are abandoned his good intentions in despair sink back into his unsanitary existence, content to inhale and eat and harbor injurious germs even delighting in his recklessness.

The more the average human being reads and hears of rules and regulations for the preservation of health the more desirous he is apt to become to live happily unhygienic. He learns, for instance, the proper methods of ventilation based on scientific

analysis of the constituents of the atmosphere in well ventilated and poorly ventilated rooms, and learns that he has been breathing enough of bad air each day to put him in five or six graves. He is not frightened but elated. He argues that if because of ignorance of hygienic laws he has been able to exist in imperfectly ventilated rooms without suspecting that he was being harmed, he had better remain in the embrace of that shielding ignorance.

Especially in the matter of diet does the average human being prefer to follow his own inclinations regardless of the advice of physicians. He wants to eat what he wants when he wants it. He would eat the rules of health if he liked them, even though they might not digest very well. He refuses to deny himself delicious food for the mere reason that it may harm him. He sympathizes strongly with the sweet little girl, raised hygienically, who begged of her relentless mother:

"Please, because this is my birthday, let me have something to eat that's not good for me."

Just when we have our electric chair working nicely some one introduces a bill to abolish capital punishment.

The London firemen are planning a strike for more pay. There are a good many advantages in having a volunteer department.

Disagreement with the political bosses when he was governor of New Jersey is what put Woodrow Wilson in the White House. We wonder what disagreement with the bosses in Pennsylvania will do for Governor Brumbaugh.

Judge Kunkel is right in not permitting Mercer, the forger, convicted in the local courts, to go as a "stool pigeon" to help the New York authorities obtain some convictions of other crooks, unless the New York prosecutors are prepared to post a bond guaranteeing Mercer's return to be sentenced here. The first concern of the Dauphin county court is to make sure that justice is done in Dauphin county, and New York need not expect, even for the sake of helping to bring criminals to justice there, that Dauphin county is going to take any chances of a wily crook like Mercer making a getaway.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN
 Glass, China and Reputation are easily cracked and never well mended.—Benjamin Franklin.

THREE OF A KIND
 There's a movement on foot to make Chicago a city of gardens. Beer, vegetable, summer, or Mary?—Washington Post.

PERHAPS ALL OF THEM
 "Do you know Mrs. Gabb to speak to?"
 "Well, I know her to listen to, if that is what you mean," replied White.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

APPROPRIATE
 "What material would you recommend for a dress to go to a garden party?"
 "I should suggest lawn."—Baltimore American.

HISTORICAL "DATE"
 "What little boy in class can mention a memorable date in Roman history?" asked the teacher.
 "Antony's with Cleopatra!" ventured one of the boys.—Froth.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.
 "What is your reason for wanting to learn to dance?"
 "Well, it looks foolisher to sit still and look foolish than it does to get on your feet and look foolish."—Washington Star.

RETRIBUTION
 "I cannot understand why the Lord took my other husband and sent me you!"
 "Sorry for him and had it in for me, I reckon."—Houston Post.

SUPPORT LACKING
 He—"You can't truthfully say I haven't supported you in the style to which you were accustomed."
 She—"Yes, I can. You never hold me on your lap any more."—Judge.

HE UNDERSTOOD
 "Jane, what time is it?" called down the irate father.
 "I don't know, Pa. The clock isn't going."
 "But I am," spoke up the young man, who could take a hint.—Detroit Free Press.

THE ABSENT-MINDED DOCTOR
 Hostess—"Dr. Spiggins, will you have some of the tongue?"
 "The Doctor (absent-mindedly)—"Oh-er-let me look at it, please."—St. Louis Times.

WELL QUALIFIED
 Lady (engaging nurse)—"Have you had any experience with children?"
 Applicant—"Yes, mum. Shure, Oi used to be a child meself."—Boston Transcript.

HE WOULD GET IT ALL
 "If I could get some one to invest a thousand pounds in that scheme of mine I could make some money."
 "How much could you make?"
 "Why, a thousand pounds."—Boston American.

BRAVE BRITISH HENS
 A correspondent writes to inform us that a well-known dairy company supplied him on February 28 with some eggs dated March 1. It certainly speaks well for the patriotism of our British hens that, in their anxiety that there should be no shortage of food here, they should actually be laying eggs a day in advance.—Punch.

SAVING THE DOLLS
 "Why do you put your dolls away so carefully?" asked Aunt Myra.
 "Oh," replied little Eva, "I'm keeping them for my children to play with."
 "But suppose you do not have any children?" queried her aunt.
 "Then," replied the little miss, "I'll give them to my grandchildren."—Chicago Tribune.

RISE LIGHT THE PRICE OF FOOD
 The Old Skipper—"Don't you come tellin' me none of your cock-an'-bull yarns about wages 80 feet high. Why, I've been at sea, man an' boy, for nigh on 50 years and I never saw none no higher than 40."
 The Young Sailor—"Ah, but see 'ow things are gone up since then."—Kansas City Star.

Delicate Girls and Women
 are too often dosed with drugs when their blood is really starved. They need that blood-strength which comes from medicinal nourishment. No drugs can make blood. SCOTT'S EMULSION is a highly concentrated blood-food and every drop yields returns in strengthening both body and brain. If you are frail, languid, delicate or nervous, take Scott's Emulsion after meals for one month. No Alcohol.

Tongue-End Topics
 Say Messudieh Was a Hulk
 In naval circles in Constantinople it is maintained that little glory came to the British submarine which torpedoed the Messudieh at the entrance of the Dardanelles some months ago. The Messudieh, it is claimed, was at that time nothing but a hulk, which had been stationed in those waters for the purpose of making the inspection of the entrance to the Dardanelles by means of searchlights possible. In addition naval circles in the Turkish capital claim that the British submarine did not dive through a mine field because the Messudieh was stationed outside the field—several knots away from it, in fact.

History of the Messudieh
 How the Messudieh became a hulk is a rather interesting story. On the Messudieh were to be found the two biggest guns in Turkey, two 9.2 inch 45-calibre Armstrong pieces. A little while before the outbreak of the European war the British Naval Mission reported to the Turkish Navy Department that the guns in question would have to undergo some modification and recommended that for this purpose they be shipped to the Armstrong works in England. This was done.

Took Her Guns Away
 When the war broke out it was found that the Messudieh, minus her heavy guns, was of little use. It was then decided to take her secondary armament of twelve 6-inch pieces and her battery of fourteen 12-pounders ashore and arm with them several anti-torpedo boat and anti-mine-layer stations which had been established. There was little use the 10,000-ton vessel could be put to after that, and so it was decided to employ her powerful searchlights at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

German Newspapers in Trenches
 The war is responsible for the appearance, on every battle front and in almost every fortress, of a series of newspapers which, for obvious reasons, set quite a new style in journalism. In parts of Northern France where German troops are trying to get out German papers with French type cases, issues are already coming to be prized as curios in which the letter "v" has to be used for the "w" and the "q" for the "g" so common in German and so comparatively unusual in French. The "h" is frequently missing.

Convey the Home News
 At points where troops are stationed for long periods it has been possible to make frequent use of the cartoon and war has drawn into the ranks so many artists, writers and skilled tradesmen and printers that the resultant output is often astonishingly good. All over Europe, especially in districts that have been conquered there are being issued papers in the native language for the purpose of educating the civil population to the conqueror's viewpoint and of combating the claims and statements of native papers. Many are printed in two languages. Business houses, bangs and factories are publishing papers full of home news which they send to employees at the front.

Spain After U. S. Wheat
 The Spanish government is taking steps to secure an adequate supply of grain until the next harvest. Its procedure will be similar to that which other countries have been obliged to adopt. It will take over a number of Spanish-owned vessels and use them to convey cargoes of wheat and oats from the United States to Spanish ports, principally Barcelona. Rates of freight by ship to Spanish ports have increased in consonance with those of neighboring countries. The increase has in fact been rather more pronounced than to some French ports. For example, it is nearly ten per cent. cheaper to ship grain from the United States to Marseilles than to Barcelona because ship owners give a preference to cargoes destined to Marseilles, where there are fairly certain of being able to unload without delay.

Tea Company Employees Promoted
 Lebanon, March 24.—Laudis A. Farling, for fifteen years in the employ and also the manager of the Grand Union Tea Company's store here, has been promoted to the management of the company's store at Lancaster. He will be succeeded here by Arthur L. Hoff, for some time the chief bookkeeper of the Lancaster store, who has also been promoted to the management of the Lebanon store.

Equal Suffrage Losses in Maine
 Augusta, Me., March 24.—The lower house of the Legislature yesterday failed to give the necessary two-thirds vote to a resolution to submit the women's suffrage question to a popular vote. The measure had passed the Senate.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN
 The Star-Independent does not make itself responsible for opinions expressed in this column.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR
 IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES

Editor, the Star-Independent:
 Dear Sir:—Ever since the inception of the Rev. William A. Sunday's work in Philadelphia many of the common people of Harrisburg have been importuning us for some public expression of our opinion of the Rev. William A. Sunday.

Thus far we have declined to grant the requests. But, now, that our silence is being interpreted as that of opposition to the man and his work I have concluded to say a few things about "The Man of the Hour in Religious Circles."

The Rev. William A. Sunday is an orator who cannot be analyzed. This, of course, makes it impossible to say just where his power lies. Unfortunately he employs slang. He speaks the language of the men of the street. This makes him a man's preacher.

He uses the slang phrases that you read in the press but every one confesses that when they hear him use them that they sound very different from the way they read when in print. His slang phrases are deliberately adopted to arrest men's attention. But, as the work progresses he eliminates slang. He lashes the clergy and the church unsparingly which I regret as a defect, and a hindrance, rather than a help to the work he is trying to accomplish. It must lead some mercenary people to underestimate and possibly even despise the clergy and the church.

But not withstanding all this he is a man of wonderful power, a born orator, a magnetic leader, a fearless soul, a charming personality, and an irresistible force. He grips everybody. His only real critics are those who fail to hear him. The moment one hears him he melts away all their prejudice, however strong, and they become his admirers. He wins college presidents, students, professional men, business men, working men, weary willies, as well as the down-and-out, and even the society ladies.

College boys who listen drowsily to the very best preachers, follow him in his addresses, and will work for him as for no one else. Thousands of students have been tremendously moved by him. He fascinates the children. He has a fund of beautiful and effective stories and he tells them wonderfully well. He has an eye for pictorial effects and an instinct for picturesque words. The press says much about his slang, but I wish it would say more about his peculiarly beautiful and effective utterances, for he is a master of perfect English.

Some of his utterances are literary gems, beautiful in conception, and perfect in finish.

He is what I call the man of the hour in religious circles, and when people hear him they are puzzled, startled and become critical, but before he has concluded, they will be among his admirers.

Isaac W. Bagley,
 Censor of Camden, N. J.

ICE COMPANY GETS BIDS
 Plant Will Be in Operation Ninety Days After the Letting of Contracts

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants' Ice Company of Harrisburg yesterday Messrs. Johnson, Ferrin and Kitchen, the committee on machinery, made their report. The committee did a great deal of work, examining and compiling and comparing over twenty detail bids from different competing companies.

The bidders were: York Ice Machine Company, of York, Pa.; the Frick Ice Machine Company, of Waynesboro; the De La Vergne Ice Machine Company, of New York; the Carbondale Ice Machine Company, of Carbondale, Pa. These companies submitted bids on ice machinery.

The committee submitted their final report to the directors. During their labors, which have extended over a period of three months, they have made a number of visits to plants in other cities, notably Reading, Allentown, Easton and Philadelphia, where different types of machines are in operation. The first three named cities have companies similar to the Harrisburg company.

Mr. Danner, city engineer at the filter plant, and Mr. Clyn, mechanical engineer of the Hershey Chocolate Company, rendered the committee valuable assistance.

The machine men state that the plant will be in operation in less than ninety days from the letting of the contract. Ice ought to be manufactured by June 15, 1915.

The board of directors adjourned until 2 o'clock Thursday, March 25, to meet at the Metropolitan hotel. Definite action will be taken at this meeting.

COURT HOUSE PLAN GOES OVER
 Present County Commissioners Say They Will Not Tackle Problem

The recommendation of the March grand jury which suggested the erection of a new court house to replace the present antiquated structure, will not be acted on by the County Commissioners this year. That was made known by the Commissioners this morning when they met to begin work now that their successors, who will be elected next fall, would have to finish.

The court house question, the Commissioners said, would make many difficulties necessary between county and city officials, for the proposal is that there be a joint county and city building. It is figured that by the time plans could be prepared successors to the present City and County Commissioners will have been elected.

McNichol Offers Election Bills
 Of the bills introduced in the Senate last night by Senator McNichol, of Philadelphia, one compels nominations by papers to be made before the primary elections; another gives the first party column on the ballot to the party polling the highest vote at the last general election instead of last Presidential election as at present, and a third gives candidates place on the ballot according to the priority of filing their papers. At present candidates go on the ballot in alphabetical order.

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 "It is the first time I ever heard a player-piano that didn't sound mechanical."
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"During the playing of the Rondo Capriccioso I couldn't tell it was a player-piano."
 "I never thought it possible to accompany such an artist as Mr. Kronold on any player-piano."
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BAPTISTS ELECT OFFICERS
 Permanent Organization Effected at Meeting in First Church

At a meeting of Baptist young folks in the First church last night the Baptist Church Association was organized, with the following officers:

President, the Rev. W. S. Booth, of the First church; vice presidents, the Rev. Walter H. Dallman, pastor of the Market Street church; Ray Shoemaker, of the Tabernacle church; the Rev. A. J. Greene, pastor of the Second church, and Harry Shaner, of the First church; general secretary, George Sharp, Tabernacle church, and general treasurer, Horace Jackson, Market Street church.

Set Aside Drug Conviction
 Trenton, March 24.—Upon the ground that the act of 1908 prohibiting the sale of morphine except upon a physician's prescription does not include heroin, a derivative of morphine, the Supreme Court yesterday set aside the conviction of Theodore J. Norwood, a druggist of Jersey City.

M'ADOO HOME FROM HOSPITAL
 Weak From Operation and Needs Quiet, But Doing Well

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who was removed to his home Monday after an operation for appendicitis at Providence hospital, ten days ago, will be forced to remain in seclusion for three or four weeks.

The Secretary's physicians say he is a weak man, and while there is nothing alarming in his condition, it will take time to build up his vitality. His recovery has been slow, but satisfactory, his physicians assert. Continued quiet alone, they say, will result in his complete recovery.

On Hand!

Gloves for every occasion. Just now the new black embroidered backs are "the thing." They give the finishing touch to the day dress of men who discriminate.

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