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Last Quarter, 6th; New Moon, 14th; First Quarter, 22nd: Full Moon, 29th



WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Thursday. Some-what cooler to-night with lowest tem-perature about 40 degrees.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Thursday. Moderate northwest winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 68: lowest, 40: 8 a. m., 40: 8 p. m., 62.

WHY NOT BIDS IN BUYING LAND?

We are informed that in connection with the proposed purchase of a site for a municipal playground which appears to be very much needed in the northern part of the city, a desirable plot was offered to the City Commissioners for \$27,000; that subsequently the owner of another desirable plot, presumably of the same size, offered it for \$26,500, and that after that the owner of the plot originally offered came down to \$26,000.

These circumstances suggest the possibility of applying the competitive bidding method to buying land for the city, just as it is applied to buying municipal supplies. City Commissioner Bowman, in the annual report of the Water Department, which is under his control, says that the greater part of the \$32,000 saved for the city during 1914 by this department can be traced directly to the introduction of the competitive plan of awarding contracts for supplies. Indeed it long has been a recognized fact that the competitive plan of awarding contracts is a great money-saver for municipalities, and the competitive plan of disposing of municipal bonds also is in general use as an economic-one.

If money can be saved by this plan of buying water pipe or fire engines or of building sewers or of selling bonds for a city, why can it not also be applied generally to the purchase of land?

Why not, for instance, when the City wants to buy a plot for an asphalt plant or a playground, have specifications drawn up as to requirements, and have bids submitted in the regular way? Bids could be made on the basis of so much per square foot of land. While it might not be practicable always to make the purchase from the lowest bidder, in view of the fact that differently located plots often actually vary as to values, such a plan at least would tend to cause persons having real estate for sale to make the fact known and to offer it at the lowest prices they would be willing to take for it, and the City Commissioners could then determine what site would be the best for the purpose intended.

UPLIFTING OF FATHERS PLANNED

Not only has a movement for a Father's day been started in this country, but now a rumor has been put into circulation that fathers are to have a magazine devoted to their interests as well. This magazine, if it ever sees the light, will no doubt aim to do the same for fathers as the women's magazines have been doing for mothers,-to advise them, uplift them and reform them. The circulation of the publication will be confined, it is understood, to fathers and to persons in whose families there are

Many prominent men in this country have been fathers. As a class, fathers occupy a very important place in society. That periodicals have not before now undertaken to look after their welfare is difficult to understand. While mothers have been receiving all sorts of helpful suggestions as to how they may best do many things which they have to do and many other things which they would never have thought of doing, fathers have been pitifully

There is a wide range of subjects which needs to be discussed for the benefit of heads of families Among topics which ought to be treated in a fathers' magazine might be mentioned such as "Handy Reasons for Late Hours," "Answering the Children's Questions Without Displaying Ignorance," "Easy Cooking Recipes for Use During Wife's Vaeation" and "How to Make Cigar Expenditures Seem Smaller." There are many other matters on

which fathers might be enlightened, but those men tioned seem to be of principal importance.

It is of course a question whether fathers would ever read a magazine published for their benefit, if such a periodical existed. The newspapers consti-tute the principal reading matter for the many men who are not inclined to waste their time on things intended to entertain or to advise rather than to inform. There would have to be very attractive smoking sets or some such inducements given with subscriptions to a fathers' magazine if such a periodical were to have a respectable circulation.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE IN THE GRADES

It is well that Superintendent Downes of the City Schools, in his report on the advisability of equipping the High School Annex for the teaching of domestic science to girls of the upper grammar grades should have taken the opportunity to present to the Board of School Directors a complete statement of the requirements for teaching domestic science at centers throughout the city.

Superintendent Downes has estimated that two domestic science teachers would be sufficient at the present time to train all the girls of the two upper grammar grades in the city, and that five or six sale prices were well above the cost and centers would have to be installed to accommodate would enable American shippers to pupils in all sections of the school district. It is break even if speedy settlements were certainly evident that all domestic science pupils on the Hill could not conveniently attend classes at the Shimmell building, nor could the rest all go to the new uptown building.

The suggestion made by Dr. Downes is not that the needed five or six domestic science centers be established at once, but that the work be started band unless destined for the use of a with one or two centers and then extended from time to time. If the work were to be begun next fall in the Shimmell building, as suggested, nearly food consignments held in England one-fourth of the girls of the City could be given were of enemy destination, much less instruction in the new subject. That would not be a bad beginning by any means. In the Shimmell building there is a room to be used exclusively for domestic science purposes, and if it were to be equipped properly along with the other class rooms to the American Commission for the of the building, the teaching of domestic science in grade schools of Harrisburg could be auspiciously started next September.

the teaching of domestic science in the grades, but the funds of the school district could hardly be put to a better purpose. There can be no argument on the desirability of giving girls in the public schools that one course which in after life will be of the greatest benefit to them. What this City's school authorities need to be concerned about is merely diers, which has appealed to every Ger the arranging of the details, so that the work may be started as soon as possible and then continued one mark. The biggest banks in Berwith increasing efficiency.

If the Eitel makes a dash the British warships will make

It sounds rather incongruous to talk about making a "City Forest,"-but, why not?

beg to suggest that the Eitel pay that little bill for sinking the Frye before she slips out of Newport News.

The cold water people forgot to pass a resolution thanking City Commissioner Bowman for reducing the price of

to be the largest campaign of its kind.

The combination of a rise in the temperature and the in history. Not only are the soldiers presence of the local optionists here yesterday boomed the grape juice business at the soda fountains.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

JABBERWOCKY OF SPRING HOUSECLEANING

'Twas soapsuds and the scrubbing-pail Did mop and scourine in the slush, All varnish was the carpet flail, And fresh paint dusting brush.

"Beware the earpet tack, my son, "The broom will scratch, the whitewash bite; "Beware the hot lye soap and shun "The clothes-line in its flight!"

He took his ceiling-brush in hand, Long time the cobweb foe he sought, Then rested he by the hammer tree And stood awhile in thought.

And as in washtub thought he stood, The carpet tack, with eyes of flame Came coal-soot through the scrubbrush wood And dustpanned as it came

One, two! One, two! And through and through The ceiling-brush went snicker-snack, He left it dead, and with its head He metal-polished back.

"And hast thou slain the carpet tack? "Come to my arms my pearline boy.
"Oh window rag! Oh soiled clothes bag!" He vacuum-cleaned in joy.

'Twas soapsuds and the scrubbing pail Did mop and scourine in the slush, All varnish was the carpet flail, And fresh paint dusting brush -Harvey Peake in Philadelphia Record.

WASTED PRAYER

A little city girl had been taught to say a morning prayer in verse, two lines of which were:

"All through the day, I humbly pray "Be thou my guard and guide." One day, when she had finished, she electrified her mother

by exclaiming: "Mamma, that's the most foolish prayer I ever heard What do I want a garden guide for? We haven't any garden."-Boston Transcript.

DISCRETION

"Did you meet the professor?"

"Yes.

'Fine conversationalist, of course?" "I don't know. He only spoke once. Asked me so thing about a couple of foreign mutts-friends of his, I

'What was it he asked?" "Why, he asked if I considered Nietzsche more original

than Treitsche." What did you tell him?"

"I was pretty careful. I never heard of the bounders you know, but I didn't want to show my ignorance."

'What did you say?' "I said I was neutral."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Tongue-End Topics

Food Sold by Prize Courts

Fifty thousand tons of provision ent to English prize courts since the ithin the last few weeks and the noney for the cargoes is in the hands of the court officials. Most of the argoes belonged to American firms. Wheat, flour and all sorts of provisions were included. Tired of the delay in getting a hearing on their cases, agents of the owners of most of the cargoes welcome the sale, providing the money is paid promptly. The provisions were consigned to firms in Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany, and most of them were shipped early in the war to firms which the British suspected were German agents, but the cases never came up for court decision. The supplies were bought, for the most part, on a much lower market than the present. Naturally the owners have suffered great loss through the delay, but the

Sold at Current Price

controlling foodstuffs, the regulations of cases of this class. He was buried in a trench for thirteen hours by the explanation of a German shell at Ypres, and Under the international regulations hostile force. It would have been extremely difficult to prove to the satisfaction of any court that most of the that they were for use of the German army. Apparently the English govern ment did not care to undertake such a task. At one time it was suggested that all detained foodstuffs should be sold relief of Belgium, but the English Board of Trade would not consent to such sales, taking the position that the foodarted next September.

There will be a good deal of expense involved in quently the cargoes were finally sold at current prices.

Raising Anti-Vermin Fund

An anti-vermin fund is the latest and most unusual product of the war. It has been started by the central committee in Berlin in charge of gifts to the solman in the empire to contribute at least lin, with branches in every large city, have been made the depositories and agents. The unique fund is the outcome of almost pitiful appeals from the soldiers in the East, increasing in number every day. Worse than hunger, thirst or sickness, they say, is the terrible scourge that has attacked them and against which they are powerless. Supplies of materials for combatting the pest have been exhausted and at present there are no funds on hand for the purchase of more. The appeal that has gone out is headed: "Give quickly! The Need is Urgent!" It is believed

HINDOO ROPE MYSTERY TO BE

suffering terribly, but when invalided back home are apt to spread disease.

has need of much less food to sus life than the stout man. Every step we take every movement, makes a de-mand on nourishment equal in proportion to the quantity of fat used up in the movement. Whoever, therefore, diminished his weight by ten per cent. for example, diminishes at the same time the quantity of food that he needs by ten per cent. Very thin men enjoy a physical vigor and energy that is really extraordinary. Hence in these days, when we are constrained to economize in our meals, it becomes at the same time a sacred duty toward the Father

Music as a Cure for Wounded mental faculties lost as the result of harrowing experiences at the front, is being used with success at the hospital hospital authorities pointed to the case of Bandsman A. G. Reynolds, of the Second Wiltshire regiment, as typical for three weeks afterwards his mind was a complete blank. He was brought to London and given "treatment" the piano and other musical instruments He began to improve immediately, and to assist the treatment, pieces of music which had been played to him were left in his room and on his bed. Gradu-

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MISSION IN NEW QUARTERS

Rescue Work Now Is Being Done From 107 1-2 South Second Street

Editor, the Star-Independent: Dear Sir:—Harrisburg's younges hilanthropic institution, the City Re-

Trotter's Missions for the "down and out," has more than justified its existence since its organization last fall.

Owing to the lack of accommodation at 3 North Fifth street to carry out the needs of the Mission, the directors have for some time been on the look-out for a more commodious building which has now been secured at 107 1-2 South Second street.

A large room at this address, with basement, will be occupied sometime this basement, will be occupied sometime this month, as soon as alterations have been completed. The main floor will be fitted for meetings, which are held every evening, but the rear will be fitted with shower and other baths for the use of the male unfortunates who frequent the Mission. The basement will be fitted as a store room for clothing which is donated to the Mission by friends.

The Mission is andorsed by leading.

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Advantages of Being Thin
The thin man is eulogized by the
"Koelnische Zeitung" not only as a
food saver as compared with the stout
man but as a more active and useful

land and an individual duty to reduce one's food consumption and one's fat,

ally he began to read the musical nota

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

tion and later the ordinary printing.

cue Mission, one of the chain of "Mel" Trotter's Missions for the "down and

friends.

The Mission is endorsed by leading

THE GLOBE OPEN TILL SIX THE GLOBE

YESTERDAY Was the First Real Spring Day

How cheerful everybody was--how beautiful everything appeared. The balmy spring showers brought out the buds, the plants and the flowers.

Time NOW to think of that Spring suit.

Conservative Worsted Suits For The Plain Appearing Man

Silk Mixed Worsteds woven into neat dark mixed, striped and plaid effects-the suit to please most every man of modest tastes who wants a garment suitable for every occasion.

\$15---\$20---\$25

Our enormous stock contains every size for men of every build and we can fit you with very little (if any) alteration.

A Spring Freshet of Soft Shirts of Unusual Value at \$1.00

Hundreds of shirts of striking styles and neat effectssoft cuffs mostly, but many of them laundered. The qualities are equal to any sold at \$1.50.

The Alpine Hat for Men Comes Into Its Own

Pearl Gray says Dame Fashion for Spring - and after all what can be more stylish-just the hat to fill in the gap between the derby and the straw hat.

\$3.00

The Luggage Question

Don't put off buying your traveling accessories until the day before you start. DO IT NOW. We are showing everything new in travel Bags and Suitcases,

\$5 to \$15 Trunks, \$4.95 to \$18 Bureau Trunks, \$25 to \$35

GLOBE

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Mrs. Rebecca Dunlar

The funeral of Mrs. Rebecca Dunlap, wife of David Dunlap, who died at her home, 1820 North Second street, Saturhome, 1820 North Second street, Satur-day, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Covenant Presby-terian church. The Rev. Harvey Klaer, pastor of the church, officiated. Inter-ment was in the Harrisburg cemetery.

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Have the wiring done during the Spring house-

SHOWN HERE BY MAGICIANS

ARRISBURG LIGHT

HOME WIRED NOW?

Hindoo magic will be featured at the Majestic Monday and Tuesday with daily matinees when Le-Roy, Talma, Bosco and a company of fifty magicians, illustrations, fakirs and jugglers come on their round the world tour. It will be the first local appearance of the celebrated trio of mystery people who have baffled Europe for many years. Oriental magic is particularly exploited by LeRoy, Talma and Bosco. The Hindoo rope trick, in which a small boy who climbs a rope disappears into the air along with the rope, will be seen for the first time, it is said. As far as it is known LeRoy is the only white man who has ever performed the Hindoo rope trick.

Three African lions, 100 head of other live stock and a mass of paraphernalia, filing three baggage cars, are used in the production. Along with the company are fifty European artist who offer the latest novelties of the variety world.—Adv.*