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MOON'S PHASES— Last Quarter, 6th; Full Moon, 14th; First Quarter, 22nd; New Moon, 29th.

WEATHER FORECASTS Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Sunday, probably showers.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG Highest, 75; lowest, 43; 8 a. m., 51; 8 p. m., 64.

NATURE'S PART IN SCHOOL TRAINING

There was a day, and not a very remote day either, when educators considered merely the intellectual values of a school curriculum and failed to take into their calculations the environment of the pupil.

There are many western cities school boards themselves have sown grass seed, have planted beautiful shrubs in the yards; have encouraged to have "ivy" days for the planting of trees, and in many instances these school boards have appropriated money for window boxes to be placed at every window in each building of those localities.

Nothing, perhaps, can add more to any school than the window boxes with their hardy and well-chosen perpetual bloomers, and their display of vivid green and brilliant blossoms.

School boards have not felt able to appropriate such an expenditure, although the initial cost is the only considerable cost, and perhaps the cents should not be rated too highly when the points of a child's education are considered.

In many eastern cities the children have contributed money for the window boxes in some instances boys in manual training classes have done the entire work. The care is borne either by the janitor or by the pupils, according to circumstances.

Two cities have undertaken this matter in just the same fashion, with the exception of municipalities in which the school boards deemed the aesthetic quite as important as a child's development as the intellectual have arranged to have the entire beautifying of the school premises come out of the city treasury.

Many cities, too, civic clubs and chambers of commerce are undertaking this really valuable work, the main point is that it is being done in the United States to-day with wonderful results. Harrisburg prides itself on being the first to be really abreast of the times in this subject. It must be admitted that Harrisburg does not have the extensive grounds of its school buildings that either the west or east can boast. We are sadly handicapped in this matter. Yet much perhaps might be done to understand that the Civic Club, aside from the beautifying of the back yards of the school grounds, Harrisburg will welcome and encourage all endeavors in this direction. It is work that should be done and work that tells in the long run can be estimated.

Many children of the public schools come from the tenements, cultured homes, it must be remembered that many other pupils find in the school grounds the school-yard refining influences to a great extent than in their homes. If the schools could teach them a love for trees and vines and

nature, they will probably never gain it at all, and they will miss from their education something vital and something which they have a right to claim from those in authority.

No reader of Myra Kelly's charming, realistic school stories—so charming in fact because they were all drawn from actual life—can forget the zeal with which her pupils from the slums tended the flowers in the school windows; how eagerly they vied with each other for the privilege of looking after them, how wild with delight they were over each new bud and blossom.

The marvel of "green things growing" is a perpetual, never-ending delight. While our opportunities here may be comparatively limited, let Harrisburg follow so far as she can, the example of other cities, and beautify her school premises so that they be a source of civic pride, and an inspiration and aid in the forming of character.

CAUSES OF INCREASED DESERTIONS

A Baltimore judge, who has had some experience with desertion and non-support cases, attributes the increasing number of such cases principally to brief courtships. The encouragement of hasty marriages at present in European countries, so that an abundant rising generation may quickly replace a diminished one, is a measure of war and can hardly be recommended for times of peace.

This reason for desertion is a very common one, however, and too general. It is a pre-marriage reason. More immediate causes need to be given, and these have been furnished by the National Desertion Bureau. They are: A husband's affection for another woman, his desire to shake off all domestic worries, or his tendency to carry on family quarrels.

There is satisfaction in noting that the Desertion Bureau in addition to expressing more or less valuable opinions concerning unhappy marriages, has done much in a practical way to remedy conditions. It has in the past year located the majority of the deserters it has gone after, has reconciled the most repentant ones and has imprisoned the most unreasonable ones. The causes of desertion are not so very important after all except in so far as they indicate ways for making suitable adjustments of affairs of unhappily married couples.

REPLY FROM MR. MAURER

The following letter was received yesterday by the editor of the Star-Independent:

Dear Sir: Your editorial in last evening's paper, on the bill introduced by me for a Graduated Income Tax, is somewhat amusing.

You lead us to infer that you regard the welfare of the State as dependent on its capitalists and wealthy folk and that we should all move cautiously and "speak very easy," lest they (the capitalists) take up their kits and leave us. To me, this would seem to be the happiest of circumstances. As a Pennsylvanian, with a native pedigree of some generations, I do not think that the workers would suffer much through the loss of the "masters," whom they now pay so handsomely. As long as we have our mountains and valleys, our coal and other great wealth and an energetic working-class to plough and harrow and sow, dig and delve and weave and fashion, we can very well spare the kind of people whom you regard of great industrial consequence and I regard as mere flotsam on our social pool.

With thousands of workers all around us, idle and suffering, with great accumulations of wealth in the hands of non-workers, it is possible that the day predicted by Macaulay is within reasonable distance, when the Huns and Vandals generated among us will rise and destroy our nation. We are aiming to prevent this. We asked that two millions of State money be devoted to public employment to give, at least, a part of the idle a chance to get through the panic without hunger. But, no! Our State has millions of its impoverished workers.

So, friend, don't lament, even though the capitalists do be forced to go. You and I have courage and ingenuity enough to get along without them. And please don't accuse me of insincerity of act in presenting the Income Tax bill. Never was more sincere in my life. If there be anything connected with the bill that I regret, it is that it has been made to pander somewhat to "upper-class" prejudice, by fixing the maximum income at ten instead of at two thousand dollars.

If it don't pass this session, there's a good time a-coming. Very truly yours, JAMES H. MAURER, Socialist Representative.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 9, 1915.

We believe that a SALARY of \$10,000 a year is enough remuneration for any man's services in any position—save perhaps in a few cases where the recipient of the salary is required to pay out of his own pocket certain expenses, other than those of maintenance of self and family, which his position imposes on him; as, for instance, a United States ambassador abroad who must provide elaborate quarters for entertaining, etc. If Mr. Maurer could devise a practicable plan to limit SALARIES to that amount it might be a good thing.

But SALARY by no means constitutes all of a man's income in all cases. A man might have \$500,000 invested in an industry in Pennsylvania from which his income, at 5-per cent., would be \$25,000 a year, exclusive of any salary consideration. If a law, such as Mr. Maurer proposes, were enacted in this state, this man would be required to pay \$15,000 of this \$25,000 income back to the state, and whether or not this would be just to him, it is certain that he would make haste to take his \$500,000 out of the Pennsylvania industrial field and put it to work in another state where he could get the whole of the \$25,000 income.

Such a withdrawal of a \$500,000 industry from Pennsylvania would mean the throwing of a large number of Pennsylvania workmen out of jobs and would make the present conditions of unemployment, which Mr. Maurer most commendably seeks to improve, only that much more serious.

We are entirely in sympathy with Mr. Maurer's ambition to help the unemployed of the state, but we cannot see how this income tax plan would serve to accomplish that end.

The peace talk was not convincing enough to halt the rise in Bethlehem Steel stock.

The new law giving better protection to game is not intended to safeguard the Bull Moose from the shafts of the Republican huntsmen.

Governor Brumbaugh vetoed that Philadelphia housing bill because the old bill had not been given a fair trial, but more for the reason that the warring factions in the City of Brotherly Love were threatening the health of its people.

LOSS OF APPETITE

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Tongue-End Topics

Real Pictures of the War

One of the most interesting series of pictures of battle scenes of the war now progressing in Europe has been on exhibition all week at the Majestic Theatre, and large crowds have seen the views. They were taken by some of the staff artists of a Philadelphia newspaper who are on duty in the war zone, and they are the nearest to the real thing that have thus far been seen in Harrisburg. When it is said that of the corps of photographers engaged in taking these pictures four have lost their lives, the difficulty and danger of the work is apparent. A photographer to have taken some of those pictures must necessarily have been right on the firing line, close up among the men at the guns, and as the enemy is no respecter of persons their liability to get shot was just as great as that of the men actually participating in the fighting. None the less interesting than the pictures was the intelligent description that accompanied them, given by a competent lecturer. In the course of his talk he mentioned the fact that one of the films on exhibition had been smuggled through the German lines in the sole of the photographer's shoe, which goes to show how difficult it is to get by the censors. He also said that some of the photographers had taken pictures which they knew would not pass the censor's rigid scrutiny, and to prevent them from being destroyed they had hurried the films, and after the war is over will get them and develop them for exhibition.

Red Cross People Conspicuous

All through the pictures the Red Cross people were prominent, in the very front of the action, carrying off the wounded, ministering to them, placing them in ambulances, assisting in removing them from transports to hospital ships, and doing many things that come under the Red Cross duties. One picture showed the young volunteers for the Red Cross service getting their uniforms before going to the field, and the change from civil life to work on the field was wonderful. Most of these recruits were young men, full of life and activity, and they seemed to enter into the work with a zest.

Father and Son Buried Together

A picture of a fine battery of Belgians going into action, horses on the gallop, the men waving flags in their enthusiasm, was accompanied by the remark that this battery was entirely swept out of existence, not a man being left to tell the tale of destruction. Another showed the graves of a father and son, French soldiers, in a little graveyard outside of Paris. Both had perished in the same fight, and on the top of the crosses over their graves were placed the helmets they wore in the fight as they fell.

Patriotism of the Germans

The patriotism of the German people was seen in a remarkable picture taken in Berlin when some men were about to entrain for the front. Thousands of civilians, men, women and children, marched through the streets with the troops to give them a good send-off, and the picture was one of the best in the series. The famous marching "goose-step" of the German soldiers was shown in a review of a corps by Emperor William, evoking much laughter. The Emperor himself was an interesting figure as he stood watching his fighters go by, and it was noticed that he no longer wears the fierce upturned moustache so familiar in his pictures. In the last few months—some of the pictures are but a few weeks old—the Kaiser has trimmed the ends off his moustache and he has lost a good deal of that fierceness in his look that was so familiar to all. The camp barber must have had a job.

Youthful Volunteers

A sad sight, and yet not one intended for sadness, was the departure of a German regiment for the front. The great majority of the regiment were very young men, hardly over twenty, and some looked younger. History says that the Civil War in this country was fought by the soldiers between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three, and it seemed as if history is repeating itself in Germany. But, it was a sad sight, nevertheless, although there was not one of the young Germans but was laughing and cheering as if it were a great thing to be going to the firing line. Occasionally a grey-bearded soldier was seen, but invariably they were officers.

Red Cross Dogs in Action

An interesting picture was that of the Red Cross dogs hunting the wound-

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FARMER DRAGGED TO DEATH Fell Backward Off Mule and Pulled by Foot Through Fields Duncannon, April 10.—Edward Spease, a Wheatfield township farmer, was dragged to death over his farm shortly after noon yesterday.

In attempting to jump on the back of a mule he fell backward and his foot became fastened in the harness. The mule started off and he was dragged around a field. Nearly all the clothing was torn from his body and one shoe from his foot. He lived but a few minutes after the accident. He is survived by a wife and three children. He was 38 years old.

Falls Dead Preparing Evening Meal Hellam, April 10.—Mrs. Barbara Cramer, 71 years old, while preparing supper last evening fell dead in the kitchen at her home from heart disease. Her mother died suddenly under like circumstances and her husband expired from heart disease six months ago.

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NIelsen-GANZ RECITAL Program Embraces Wide Range of Vocal and Instrumental Selections



The program for the Nielsen-Ganz recital in Chestnut street auditorium on Monday evening was announced to-day. It embraces a wide range of vocal and instrumental selections and, in addition, Miss Nielsen will sing as encores some of the old-time heart-throb songs, for which she is noted. "Annie Laurie," "Kathleen Mavourneen," "The Last Rose of Summer" and some of her songs beloved by the owners of talking machines are to be included. The program follows: Variations on a Theme by Bach (Weinen-Klagen), Liszt, Mr. Ganz; (a) "The Day is Done," Spross, (b) "The Weathercock," Lehmann, (c) "But Lately in Dance," Arensky, (d) "Love Has Wings," Rogers, Miss Nielsen; (a) "Three Etudes," (b) "Nocturne in F Sharp Major," (c) "Waltz in A Flat," Chopin, Mr. Ganz; (a) "Die Lorelei," Liszt, (b) "Vergleichliches Standchen," Brahms, (c) "Wiegenlied," Brahms, (d) "Komm Lass Uns Spielen," Bleichmann, Miss Nielsen; "Etude Caprice" from Op. 14, Ganz; (b) "Pensive Spinner," from Op. 10, Ganz, (c) "The Elves" from Op. 3, Korngold, (d) "Petraea Sonnet in A Flat," Liszt, (e) "Rakoczy March," Liszt, Mr. Ganz; (a) "The Spirit Flower," Campbell-Tipton, (b) "A Burst of Melody," Seiler, (c) "I Came With a Song," LaFlore, (d) "The Fairy Pipers," Brewer, Miss Nielsen. William Reddick at the piano. Adv.

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