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

WEATHER FORECASTS
Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature. Light frost in exposed places.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature. Light frost in exposed places to-night. Light to moderate northerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG
Highest, 57; lowest, 37; 8 a. m., 40; 8 p. m., 53.

MAKING WASTE LAND PRODUCTIVE

When twenty-five Italian families in Rochester, N. Y., establish new homes in Alabama within the next few weeks, a colonization plan will be put into effect which should be watched with a great deal of public interest.

The present plan in Rochester provides that by January two hundred Italian families will have been sent to the South to follow agricultural pursuits. Each family is to have a forty-acre farm with a five-room dwelling house, a barn and, of course, a chicken house. No provisions seem to have been made for a garage, but that little detail can be attended to after the colonizers have become regular farmers.

The idea is to make land worth something which is at present uncultivated. Industrious foreigners are being depended upon to carry out the idea. That they will fulfill expectations seems likely, since they are of peasant origin and are well suited for agricultural work.

While vast expanses of territory in this country are unoccupied and untilled, numerous human beings who are willing to work when work is presented, are leading cramped lives in crowded tenement districts of big cities, often in need of the very food that they might be getting through nature's processes if they were farming some of the unused soil.

Capital is, of course, necessary to set up the Rochester Italians as farmers, for the undertaking on a comparatively big scale. It might not always be necessary, however, to transport colonists so great a distance, and it might even be possible in cities sometimes to arrange plans for the cultivation of waste land very close to home, if not right at home.

Indeed the idea has been caught in this city and different plans are being carried out through which otherwise useless land, within the city limits, is converted into gardens in which vegetables may be raised by children and by adults who have no other opportunities to attempt agricultural work. A plan by which uncultivated land can be made productive is a worthy one, especially if it alleviates distressing conditions by providing necessities of life.

NON-COMBATANT HUSBANDS WANTED

One of the many queer conditions being created by the war these days is that of unmarried German women seeking in a neutral country husbands of their nationality but German or Austrian and even offering financial inducements to obtain such husbands.

It appears that among the Germans expelled from Russia at the outbreak of the war were women who owned property in the Czar's domains and for one reason or another were unmarried. Some of these women stopped at Stockholm in their flight and have been advertising in Swedish papers or spouses, that they might return to Russia as citizens of other nations than Germany and Austria, and look after their interests there.

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ful than some unfortunate marriages which are seemingly based on love,—but only seemingly so.

Even German women who are not owners of property in Russia and who do not for other reasons have to change their nationality, might also, with advantage, look for husbands in Sweden or in other neighboring neutral countries. The supply of possible husbands in Germany is going to be small for some years. The women of the empire may as well look for likely spouses in the nearby peaceful countries before prospective brides start to cross the channel from England where a scarcity of males likewise is apt to cause inconvenience.

Sweden, whose queen is German and whose sympathies have in a mild, unobtrusive way been pro-German, might be a suitable hunting ground for women from the Kaiser's realm who are seeking husbands, while Norway, where English is spoken fluently and where the British have found a pleasant summer playground for many years, might not unlikely hold husbands for surplus young women from the adjacent island.

It is only to be hoped that after the war of the nations is over, fresh complications will not arise because of contests among the women in international matrimonial affairs.

Former Governor Tener, now head of the National League, may have his troubles as a result of the baseball war, but at least he doesn't have to be confronted with the nightmare of having to cut the Pennsylvania Legislature's appropriations down to where they will fit the revenue.

Hello, Bill Taft! Dee-light—no, not that; but we're glad to see you.

If local option goes through this will be the last trout season where bottled bait will be used in some counties.

Trout fishermen, please take notice that we will not believe a word you tell us about the number of "speckled beauties" you land to-day! We're from Missouri.

Who can tell? Perhaps the next time former President Taft and Governor Brumbaugh meet will be as rival candidates for the nomination in the Republican convention of 1916!

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE WAY

A music rings
Around the earth,
A joyous note
Of silver mirth.

From feathered throats
Outpours the strain;
It sings on winds,
On land and main.

You hear it not?
You hear the moan?
No other sound
Except the groan?

If you would bark
To all that cheers,
Just wear a grin
Between your ears.

—McLandburgh Wilson, in New York Sun.

A SAFE RULE

If you cannot think of a man's name, call him Colonel and it will be all right.—Salt Lake City Deseret News.

WITHOUT A RIVAL

"Is he successful as a writer of sensational literature?" "Is he? Why, he has no inferior."—Philadelphia Ledger.

WHY SHE LEFT THE STAGE

First Manager—"I see you have a new leading woman. Did the other one take sick?"

Second Manager—"No, but she didn't take well."—Boston Transcript.

DON'T SETTLE AT ALL

"I hear that they belong to the early settlers."

"Well, you wouldn't think so if you could see the bill collectors climbing their front steps."—Judge.

DRAWING THE LINE

There is probably no truth in the report that Tammany has sent a committee to Terre Haute for pointers. Even Tammany draws the line somewhere.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

PAT WAS RIGHT

Pat—"If Oi'm not mistaken—which Oi'm sure Oi am—your name's Murphy."

Tim—" Nope, ye're mistaken—ye're not mistaken. Me name is Murphy."—Life.

THE FAMILY PLUM TREE

"Plenty of men do get jobs on the strength of their ancestry."

"Yes; a good family tree has produced many a plum."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NOT ORIGINAL

"Now own up, my man. Didn't you invent that tale of woe?"

"No, sir; I got it from a friend who has gone out of the begging business."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MOUTH TO BLAME

"Many of the ills of life originate in the mouth," says Dr. Wiley. Men who have gone to the hospital to have broken noses, black eyes and smashed ribs patched up will probably agree with him.—New Orleans States.

NATURAL ENOUGH

Church—"When a barber goes to a doctor, what is the first thing the physician says, do you suppose?"

Gotham—"Don't know."

"Let me see your tongue."—Yonkers Statesman.

TO REFRESH HER MEMORY

Her Dad—"I'm afraid if I let my daughter marry you she will learn to forget me."

Suitors—"If you feel that way about it you could let her see your name on a check every month."—Boston Transcript.

IN 2000 A.D.

"Some day we'll be telephoning through the air without wires."

"Maybe. But won't it be queer to have an operator call back to you and say: 'The air is busy now!'"—Washington Star.

NOT PROFICIENT IN THE TANGO

"Black speaks dance before my eyes, doctor," complained the society patient.

"That is very annoying and monotonous."

"Yes; they never have any new dances."—Kansas City Journal.

CAN'T PROVE IT BY HIM

Bill—"He thinks fish makes brains."

Jill—"Does he eat any?"

Bill—"Lots of it."

Jill—"He ought to be able to prove an alibi."—Yonkers Statesman.

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