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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 Saturday, slightly cooler to night.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG: Highest, 76; lowest, 49; 8 a. m., 50; 8 p. m., 65.

GETTING RID OF THE RUBBISH

We are told that it was the custom of the Mucclasse Indians to celebrate annually the "busk" or "feast of first fruits," during which the residents of a community cleaned their houses and squares of all filth, collected this filth, along with all worn-out clothing, utensils and furniture, on a common heap, and set fire to the heap.

In Harrisburg, too, it is the practice of the natives to set aside a clean-up week each Spring and Fall, during which they get rid of dirt and rubbish through systematic garbage collections.

There are persons who do not have enough courage to discard even the most trifling of the accumulated trumpery of long housekeeping.

It would be well if Harrisburgers were next week to take an example from the Mucclasse Indians and discard all their rubbish, retaining not even the venerable trash that has been in the family since the family began.

A SEVERE TEST OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP

The quality of Pennsylvania citizenship is to have the severest test in the history of the Commonwealth on Wednesday, May 26, the day set aside as "good roads day" in the proclamation just issued over the signature of Governor Brumbaugh.

That every able-bodied citizen—note that there is no discrimination as between male citizens and female citizens—having a patriotic regard for our Commonwealth and its good name shall so arrange his personal affairs as to give one entire day to the improvement of our highways.

If, therefore, everybody in the State of Pennsylvania is to measure up to the Governor's idea of good citizenship and to manifest a "patriotic regard for our Commonwealth and its good name,"

all the stores, banks and factories must close on May 26, the street cars stop running, the newspapers suspend publication and the mail deliveries be called off.

The Governor himself may be expected to don his Huntingdon county top-boots and overalls and devote eight hours to shoveling dirt from the ditches into the center of the road or else to import and pay, at the current rate of wages, a laborer from another state to do the work for him.

Indeed it will be a remarkable outpouring of amateur road builders if the people of the state live up to the Governor's ideals of citizenship.

DAMAGE DONE BY "BABY TALK"

That period in a baby's life in which it learns to form its first simple syllables, to pronounce its first easy words and to construct its first brief sentences is surely a very important period.

"Baby talk," in particular, has recently been getting its share of adverse criticism and justly so. If children are to learn to speak well they must be furnished with the best of examples, beginning in infancy.

Children who hear only good language will strive to imitate it and will overcome the tendencies to lisp and to make grammatical errors.

It has been "clean-up week" for some time for Wall Street speculators who have been on the "inside" of Bethlehem Steel.

Instead of digging up all the 20,000 poplar trees in Harrisburg, wouldn't it be cheaper just to move the City to some place where there aren't any poplar trees?

Cyrus McCormick, 3rd, intends to "begin at bottom" to learn the business of the International Harvester Corporation that his millionaire grandfather founded.

There are about 3,000,000 able-bodied adult citizens of Pennsylvania, including men and women. On the basis of \$1.50 a day as a laborer's pay, the State will save \$4,500,000 in road repairing funds if all of them, in accordance with the plea contained in Governor Brumbaugh's proclamation, go out and mend the highways on May 26, "good roads day."

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

ONE KIND OF FLAT TIRE: "What's the matter with your wife, anyhow?" "She's got a case of flat tire."

ANSWER, PLEASE!: Willie—"Do you know everything, pa?" Pa—"Yes, my son."

THEY DON'T TAKE THE BAIT: Mand—"Don't you think there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught?"

A CONTRIBUTION: She was getting the supper for the children on Saturday night when a young woman came to her door.

CONSERVATIVELY PUT: According to the president of Vassar College, woman's brain is just as good as man's.

MUST GO AFTER IT: They say things come To those who wait, But you gotta dig If you want bait.

A WALKOUT: First Grocer—"My store is full of roaches." Second Grocer—"I've only got one in mine."

First Grocer—"One! But you were overrun a month ago. How did you get rid of all but one?" Second Grocer—"When I took my last trip East I brought back a single roach in a pill box. I turned this roach loose in the store. He belonged to a different union than the Western roaches, so nine all walked out."

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Tongue-End Topics

Some Impressions of Brazil

Mr. I. W. Copelin, of Toledo, Ohio, brother of Owen M. Copelin, Harrisburg's City Treasurer, recently returned from a tour of South America. When in Manaus, Brazil, on March 8, last, wrote the following interesting observations for the Star-Independent: "I am now a thousand miles inland from the Atlantic, in the city of Manaus, situated on the black waters of the Rio Negro river and about two hours sail from its confluence with the big, muddy Amazon. Coming up the Amazon from Para, which required nearly five days on a big ocean steamer, I found the sights very interesting. The shores and a thousand islands are densely wooded with a tangled mass of tropical trees and vines. There are giant, white barked trees that tower above all and look sort of ghost-like, then the castanha (Brazil nut), and other big trees, many of which are almost covered with a parasite growth, and blooming orchids are stuck in the crotches of others."

A Tropical Picture

"From the zig-zag limbs of many trees hang long, rope-like vines, and with the tall, graceful palms, make a tropical picture worth seeing. Almost the whole of the Amazon valley from the sea to the highlands of the Andes is one continuous forest; and it is the same along the many tributaries of this mighty river; and as its general course follows close to the equator, the climate is hot. In fact, if your readers

were to be here to-day, they might easily be convinced that this part of the world had not cooled off since its formation, and if any of them are in the habit of going home late and lying to their wives about being at the club, etc., the climatic conditions might give them a hint of a possible hereafter.

Breaks in Forest Monotony

"There are very many interesting sights along this great waterway, but time and printer's ink cost money. At times along the north side there are mountains over two thousand feet high and low hills of reddish clay, then an occasional little town stuck against a wooded hillside, that looks quite picturesque at a distance. In places may be seen small clearings of a few acres, walled in by the great forest, and after passing the mouth of the Tapajoes river an occasional Fazenda, where scores of fat cattle grazed. At these larger clearings the owners have built neat bungalows, whose white walls and red tile roofs, set in a cluster of shade and flowers, looked cool and inviting and I felt like I had found that long looked for paradise where I should stop. Again there are many little thatched roof native shacks, at intervals, built on stilts to keep above high water, that help to break the monotony of the endless tropical forest."

A Brazilian Legend

"Brazil, like most other countries, has its legends and fables, one of which might impress you if on a forest trip up the Amazon; for at the confluence of the Amazon and Rio Negro there is a little, green jungle island named Marapata of which 'tis said: 'Who passes further must leave his conscience.' And while passing the island the ship's officers will admonish the passengers to 'Be good while in Manaus and your conscience will be given back on your return.' That's cheerful and well intended, but I fear even the solemn missionary, if he remained in Manaus a week or more, might do as the Romans do."

Customs Men Take This Time

"As the steamer approaches Manaus, soon after sunrise, the first buildings of prominence that come in view yellow tiled dome of the municipal are the cathedral's spires, the great, theatre, and the tall, white walls of the brewery, where my friend Briggs rules supreme. At a closer view the red tile roofed city of a hundred thousand people, partly hidden by tall, waving palms and tropical foliage, looks pretty. But my first experience with the customs officials on landing was one where it required a bit more patience than I had brought with me from Harrisburg. The first day no baggage whatever was allowed to go ashore, not even pajamas, which are the most comfortable wearing apparel in the equatorial tropics. I was told to call to-morrow morning. I called at 9.30 and found my baggage, but for some reason was told to call again at 11, then again at 2.30, when I was politely told to call 'manana'—to-mor-

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row. Brazilians are more than profuse with politeness, but at this juncture patience had spent its full force, and if there is a new brand of anthracite or bituminous coal in the Pennsylvania market that will make more smoke and heat than what sprung up in a small section of Northern Brazil at this time, I would like to have a sample. After I had become nearly exhausted, a man smiled and put a chalk mark on my baggage and motioned me to take it and go. While it was only 3 o'clock or early afternoon, I still had strength to 'vamosos.'

Manaos Has Charming Plazas

"Manaos, while not laid out at right angles, is rather a pretty place. The little plazas and parks are most charming. Many of the streets are well paved with dressed stone, and one day, while walking aimlessly, I heard a voice from a well screened window calling me 'Father.' The principal street is the Avenida, which is a broad one and claims to be modern, and it is so in some respects. Broad, smooth sidewalks are on either side, where in the late afternoon and evening many of the male population sit around little cross-legged, iron tables on the sidewalk, in front of the restaurants, and sip cooling beverages, such as grape juice. Along this Avenida may also be seen many ladies with escorts promenading. Then, too, the automobile is driven sort of recklessly and joy rides are quite the same as elsewhere. So that there is no need of becoming lonesome, even if you are a stranger on the banks of the Rio Negro."

American Coal at \$15 a Ton "There is a very fair electric street car line operated, but no manufacturing is carried on, to speak of, and but little is grown in the way of food-stuffs, so practically everything is imported from foreign countries, at high rate of freight and the customs duties in Brazil are perhaps the highest of

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