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MOON'S PHASES—
 Last Quarter, 6th; New Moon, 13th;
 First Quarter, 21st; Full Moon, 28th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night. Sunday unsettled, probably showers.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night. Sunday unsettled. Gentle to moderate north and northeast winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG
 Highest, 74; lowest, 54; 8 a. m., 57; 8 p. m., 68.

DEAD LANGUAGES AND THE CLOTH

The governing bodies of churches of different denominations, when they consider means by which they may invite more young men to enter the ministry, give evidence by their consideration of such a topic that candidates for the cloth are all too scarce. "Why Young Men Are Reticent About Entering the Ministry" was the not unusual theme discussed at a session yesterday in Selinsgrove of the Susquehanna Synod of the Lutheran church. The discussion resulted in action by the synod which appears to embody a very sane solution of the problem.

The conclusions reached by the synod were that the present seven-year course for theological students is too long, and that the inclusion of dead languages in the curriculum is unnecessary. The body went on record as favoring a shortening of the present course, which consists of four years in college and three years in theological seminary, to four years of combined collegiate and theological training, through the elimination of the dead languages.

Such a change, if put into effect, would not make too short or too easy the course of study for theological students, but would merely remedy conditions which at present discourage young men who have no love for dead languages and no time to waste on them, from studying for the ministry. The object in view in the shortening of the course would surely not be to attract young men to the ministry by means of a flowery path, for there are branches in the curriculum which are more difficult as well as more useful than dead languages. The purpose would be rather to withdraw from the rough path, as it now is, those things which repel prospective candidates for the cloth and which are, after all, of little actual advantage to most of the students who travel the path.

Thorough knowledge of Hebrew, Greek and Latin is unquestionably valuable to the scholars who know how to make proper use of that knowledge, using it when called for and refraining from using it when occasion does not require it. Thorough knowledge of these languages, however, is acquired by but small proportions of those who study them. The others make no special efforts to retain such knowledge because they find that they need the space in their brain cells for the storing of facts of more immediate interest.

It is only natural that theological students should rejoice whenever the professor of Hebrew deserts his classroom for a day to go somewhere to preach a scholarly sermon. They are "taking" ancient languages because the course requires them to, and not because they have firm convictions that those studies will make them more useful in the ministry.

POOR TEDDY!

Poor Teddy! How they abuse him! Boss Barnes is after his scalp and now comes Herman Ridder, in his "Staats-Zeitung," with the announcement that the Vereinigung Alter Deutscher Studenten and the Allgemeinen Deutschen Sprachvereins have dropped the Colonel from honorary membership in the societies. The "Staats" explains it as follows:

Both leagues have dropped Teddy abruptly and finally from their lists, in which till now he figured as an honorary member. The Old German Students dropped Mr. Roosevelt some time ago without any ceremony. The occasion for this procedure was the attitude which Mr. Roosevelt had taken in this war against Germany. The Allgemeine Deutsche Sprachverein likewise cherished for some time the intention to endure the loss of the honorary membership of Mr. Roosevelt. But it resolved upon this only at its last meeting, probably because of the sufficiently well-

known declarations made public by Mr. Roosevelt in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania. In both leagues it was not considered worth while to discuss the matter long, but was found appropriate to drop him smoothly and without much ado.

Again we say: Poor Teddy! It has been a quick, smooth course on the toboggan for him since 1912.

HALTING HASTY MARRIAGES

Efforts are being made in Louisiana to have enacted a state law preventing marriages which are not formally announced two weeks before the performance of the ceremonies. The purpose is the prevention of hasty marriages as well as of secret unions. Should the law be enacted there would be one result that can readily be foreseen: In Louisiana's neighboring states the marriage ceremonies of many of Louisiana's temporarily happy couples would be quietly and effectually performed.

The proposed law is not a bad one, certainly, and might aid, as its sponsors suggest, in lessening the business of the divorce courts by interfering with unwisely hasty marriages before the thoughtlessly considered vows of the contracting parties are spoken. If two weeks' notice of a marriage were to be required there would be at least that much additional time provided for newly met sweethearts in which to get better acquainted with each other and to discover the various faults which were not apparent to either of them at first.

If at the end of a period of two weeks a pair of prospective married folks should decide that illusions were at an end and that a union would be unsatisfactory, the announcement of the proposed wedding could be forgotten and the divorce court would be cheated of a possible case.

Meritorious as a law aimed at hasty marriages may be, however, its adoption in one state would for the time be of little avail. Couples having courage enough to arrange hasty unions would not hesitate to plan elopements to neighboring states in which there would be no objections to their unannounced marriages. Hasty unions might be all the hastier if trains had to be caught by the impatient candidates in their evasions of the strict laws of their native state.

The day may come, however, when the people of the United States will see the advisability of having uniform marriage and divorce laws in all states and then it might be well for the Louisiana plan to be remembered.

Icebergs are taking their place with submarines as menaces to transatlantic navigation.

The German-Americans, generally, are not hesitating to declare themselves loyal to the Stars and Stripes.

We trust the Kaiser will be governed by what the rank and file of his people think about it, just as President Wilson has been.

"Plan \$2,000,000 Merger of Up-State Corporations," says a Philadelphia "Inquirer" headline to-day in referring to a proposed combination of utilities concerns in Franklin county. The "Inquirer" copy desk might profitably study Pennsylvania geography.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

ALWAYS AT THE WRONG TIME
 Some men want to make hay in February and cut ice in August.—Chicago Tribune.

THE BEST WAY
 The best way to get along with some people is to get along without them.—Chicago Journal.

NEWLY DEFINED
 "Father, what is untold wealth?"
 "The property you keep from the income tax list, my son."—Harper's Magazine.

NOT FOR HER BAKE
 Girl—"Promise me you won't drink, for my sake."
 Youth—"I promise. If I drink it won't be for your sake."—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

HE KNEW HIS BUSINESS
 "Did you say that man is a green grocer?"
 "He's a grocer, but he isn't green. He is one of the most sophisticated grocers I know of."—Washington Star.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SCALES
 "What has the lawyer to say about this charge against his client of stealing a pair of scales?"
 "He says his client merely made a weigh with them."—Baltimore American.

MODERN FARMING
 "How many head o' live stock you got on the place?"
 "Live stock!" echoed the somewhat puzzled farmer.
 "What d'ye mean by live stock? I got four steam tractors and seven automobiles."—Judge.

THE UNEXPECTED
 "Sir, I admit being a poor man, but I am determined to marry your daughter in spite of her wealth."
 "Oh, well, if that's the case I'll just remove the obstacle."—Judge.

CAN'T BOTH BE TIGHT
 "A fact I'll recite,"
 Said old Mr. Prober:
 "When money is tight
 A man should stay sober."
 —Cincinnati Enquirer.

NOW THE BUTCHER'S WORRIED
 Doctor—"You have nervous dyspepsia, same as Brown had. His was caused by worrying over his butcher's bill. I directed him to stop worrying."
 Stranger—"Yes, and now he's cured, and I've got it. I'm his butcher."—Boston Transcript.

MEAN HUSBAND
 "Why the dissatisfaction, girlie?"
 "My husband has such a small income."
 "You knew he had a small income when you married him."
 "Yes; but I didn't think he'd be mean enough to insist on my living within it."—Kansas City Journal.

CLASSIC EXCUSES
 "Charge it, please; the smallest I have is a \$10 bill and I don't like to break it."
 "I'd lend you the money in a holy jiffy, old top, but I've just got a life-insurance premium to pay and it will take every cent I can scrape up."
 "Something for the Belgians? Great Scott! I need a lift myself during these hard times."
 "I'd just love to go but you see I've got a terrible headache this evening."—Portland Express.

A SPRING TONIC

Old Reliable Hood's Sarsaparilla Is Pleasant and Effective

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Tongue-End Topics

Odd Relic of Capitol Fire

An interesting relic of the fire that destroyed the old Capitol has turned up in Pittsburgh in the possession of Fred. Roberts, private secretary to Mayor Armstrong. At the time of the fire Mr. Roberts was stenographer for Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon and helped to save a number of fine pieces of furniture from the building, especially from the rear of the president pro tem's rostrum. In leaving the building for the last time, from the rear, he saw, as he passed through the barber shop, then as now run by Anthony Frenie, the slate on which Senators wrote their names in their order of "next" for being shaved. Mr. Roberts took down the slate and carried it off and unconsciously retained it until he reached his hotel. Then he laid it away among his things and eventually took it home with him. Looking through some of his effects the other day he came across the slate, and odd to say the names of the Senators, as written by themselves, were plainly legible. Mr. Roberts retains it as a memento of a very strenuous day.

Few of the Old Press Agents

"Only a few of the old boys left," said Dexter Fellows, the press agent for Barnum's big circus, when he was in Harrisburg the other day. All of the old press agents of twenty-five years ago have gone into retirement but Mr. Fellows and Major John F. Burke, he of the diamond horseshoe scarf pin and luxuriant white mustache, Charlie Stowe, the first Barnum man, is dead, and George Starr is now running the Crystal Palace, London, England, and has quit this country for good. They were among the fore-runners of the present day circus and theatrical press agents, and there has been nothing new invented in the business since they started it many years ago.

McClain Puts Ban on Smokes

Lieutenant Governor McClain is a very decided stickler for the dignity of the Pennsylvania Senate, and he insists on asserting said dignity on any and every occasion. The other day Senator Magee, of Allegheny, the youngest member of the Senate, having just entered the thirties, wandered across the aisle from the section in which his desk is located, and lit a cigar. Lieutenant Governor McClain regarded that act with evident disfavor, whereupon Senator Magee arose and moved that Rule 38 be suspended for the rest of the session. Rule 38 forbids smoking in the chamber during a session of the Senate. The Red Rose of Lancaster cast a glance of withering scorn on the Allegheny Senator and said in sarcastic and emphatic tones:

"The Chair declines to entertain the motion of the Senator from Allegheny, as a suspension of that rule does not comport with the dignity of this Senate."

Then he added:
 "Moreover the Chair cannot recognize a motion from the Senator from Allegheny, for the reason that the Senator is not in his seat."

That was all, but it was enough. There has been no smoking in the Senate chamber.

Sells Taffy For Little Girl

Representative Herman, of Wyoming, is a big-hearted lawmaker. The other day a small girl with a basket on her arm entered the House when it was in recess. Approaching Mr. Herman she asked him if he would purchase some taffy, at the same time uncovering the candy in her basket. Mr. Herman questioned her and found she was selling the candy for the benefit of some charity. The candy was home made and it was "only a cent a cake."
 "If you are selling candy for charity," said Mr. Herman, "a cent a cake is not enough. Here, come with me," and he conveyed the small girl among the Republicans in the House, acted as salesman, demanded big money for the taffy, and having sold it all, placed \$10.25 in the delighted kiddy's hand and saw her go away with tears in her eyes—tears of joy.

"Don" Cameron 82 Years Old

J. Donald Cameron, Secretary of War in Grant's Cabinet and former United States Senator from Pennsylvania, was 82 years old yesterday, according to the Philadelphia "Public Ledger." Relatives here and in Lancaster county, where Mr. Cameron's Donegal home is situated, said the day had no special observance, as the former Senator spent the anniversary in Virginia with Mr. Fairfax, one of his personal friends. Old timers in politics paused a minute here to realize that "Young Don" actually was 82. The details of the Cameron regime in the

Republican politics of Pennsylvania have been so often rehearsed that men who were mere babes when J. Donald Cameron took up the control his father laid down feel that they actually had a personal part in them. J. Donald Cameron took his seat in the Senate in 1877, succeeding his father, Simon Cameron, who had held the place ten years. For twenty years the younger Cameron represented this State in the upper branch of Congress, and for the greater part of that time he was potent in the State councils of the Republican party.

C. V. NEWS

PLAN MERGER OF TROLLEY, GAS AND ELECTRIC CO'S.

New York Promoters Announce Plan for Formation of \$5,000,000 Corporation to Take Over Nine Public Service Plants in Valley

Chambersburg, May 15.—The merger of all of the gas, electric light and street railways companies in the Cumberland Valley—nine in Chambersburg, Green Castle, Shippensburg and Waynesboro—is proposed by a band of New York capitalists, who outlined a plan here yesterday afternoon whereby it is intended to form one big company having a capital stock of \$5,000,000 and float at least \$4,000,000 worth of bonds.

Options have been obtained, it is said, on all of the nine plants in question, as follows: Shippensburg Gas Electric Company, Chambersburg Gas Company, Chambersburg & Shippensburg Street Railway Company, Chambersburg & Gettysburg Street Railway, Chambersburg, Waynesboro & Green Castle Street Railway, Green Castle Electric Company, Waynesboro Electric Company, Waynesboro Gas Company and Mercersburg Turnpike Company.

The engineers who have obtained these options and who have been working in the Cumberland Valley during the last fortnight let it be known here that they represent four large trust companies of New York City. They declared that the deal surely will be carried through. Under the general plan just outlined here, it is predicted that the plants of the nine companies can be obtained for at least \$2,000,000 and that a sum equivalent to that amount will be used for improvements and extensions.

No date has been fixed for closing the deal, although the promoters represented that they desire immediate action. One of the plans, it is said, is to extend trolley lines to Gettysburg, Mercersburg, by way of St. Thomas, to Carlisle from Shippensburg and further extension of gas mains throughout the valley.

SIDE OF FACE BLOWN OFF

William Shearer Critically Injured When His Shotgun Was Accidentally Discharged Yesterday

Gettysburg, May 15.—William Shearer, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shearer, of near Logansville, while hunting crows on the farm of Samuel Perree, near Abbotstown, had the left side of his face shot off and was otherwise injured when a double-barreled shotgun was accidentally discharged yesterday morning. The young man's condition is regarded as

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critical and little hope is entertained for his recovery. The accident occurred when Shearer's shotgun, which had been placed against a tree, fell to the ground and was discharged.

REMOVE KNOB FROM ROAD

Eyesore Known as Cemetery Hill to Go on Good Roads Day

Carlisle, May 15.—Just east of Newville, in Cumberland county, there is an elevation known as Cemetery Hill which has been the cause of great complaint by users of the highways for many years.

The citizens of West Pennsboro township have seized "State-wide Good Roads Day" May 26, as the occasion to remedy conditions existing on that hill.

A committee is to meet the road supervisors to arrange for a turning out to whack off the hill that has been an eyesore to the community.

PROTEST SCHOOL REMOVAL

Rouzeville Residents Plan Court Fight Against Education Board

Waynesboro, May 15.—The people of Rouzeville will not give up the Washington township high school without a good fight to keep it in its present location.

The Washington township school board have purchased a lot of ground at Wayne Heights for a new high school and have plans drawn for it and submitted them to the State Educational Department for approval.

The Rouzeville people do not want the high school taken from their village and they not only have secured more than 300 signatures to a petition protesting against the change—and claim they will get many more—but they have retained O. C. Bowers, a Cham-

bersburg lawyer, to take the matter before the courts with the purpose of procuring an injunction against the directors.

Forger Was on Back of Check

Havre De Grace, Md., May 15.—Charged with forging the endorsement of Mrs. A. P. McCombs to a stolen check for \$16.50 and trying to cash it, a stranger, who gave his name as Charles Smith and residence as Philadelphia, was given a hearing before Justice Hamberger yesterday and is being held for the Harford county grand jury.

Custom Spares Sunday Sellers

Hagerstown, Md., May 15.—Although it investigated a number of violations of the Sunday selling laws, the Grand Jury adjourned yesterday afternoon without finding indictments, declaring a persistent and growing violation of these laws had long been tolerated, so it did not feel it would be just, without warning, to indict the offenders.

Sleep-walker Injured in Fall

Carlisle, May 15.—Crawling unconsciously through a second-story window of her home in Mount Holly Springs early yesterday morning while in a somnambulistic trance, Miss Mattern Schriever, 16 years old, operator for the C. V. Telephone Company in that town, fell to the ground and now is in a serious condition at her home. She received a deep cut on one side of her head about four inches in length, a smaller one under her chin and sustained serious bruises and lacerations on her body. She also is suffering greatly from shock.

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