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MOON'S PHASES.
New Moon 8 45 A.M. Full Moon 18 4:25 P.M.
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EDITORIAL.
LOOKING FORWARD.
The season warns farmers that soon the activity of spring followed by the rush of planting will be here. If plans have been matured during the winter, the work mapped out to be systematically pursued, if the farmer in short has carefully studied his program for the season, he will be far better prepared to begin his work and measurably succeed in his business. Is farming a business with you? That is do you conduct it with the same careful consideration of method and the same attention to details that the prudent and successful business man uses in his work? If the butcher wastes the odds and end of meat or allows a certain proportion to spoil on his hands every week he soon goes out of the business. If a merchant suffers his profits to leak away or puts them on his shelves he soon wonders why he does not succeed. And it is so in all departments. It is the utilization of everything and turning it to profit which makes the bank account. Times are hard, farming don't pay is the universal cry. Well, the only remedy is to make it pay, and the only way to do that is to exercise the greatest care at every step. Thoroughly cultivate every crop plant no more than can be properly attended. Employ no wasteful or extravagant methods. Do not attempt costly experiments. Let the other fellow do that and you profit by his experience. Keep the cattle well fed and all the animals in good growing condition.

FEEDING COWS IN SUMMER.
In the great majority of instances farmers are compelled with the first shoots of grass to "turn out" frequently on the meadow. No more ruinous method could be pursued. Such business is burning the candle at both ends. Suppose this year you try having a surplus, and raise your fodder in the summer when it grows and not raise it in the winter by the bagful, and send the western farmer. An excellent method is to sow peas and oats, follow them with milles, and that with fodder corn, curing all the surplus, saving your pasture thus benefitting your land, increasing the product of your cows, fattening your pigs on the peas and oats, in fact doing your scratching together of feed in the summer with a hoe and rake and not doing it in the winter with a thin pocket book, or a few ties or hoop-poles. The "old man" may have been a good farmer, but you have not the humus in the land or its fertility. He got most of that out, and left you the base but not the substances. You

must put them back, and fight potato bugs and other pests of which he was ignorant besides.
PEAS AND OATS.
Plow the ground as early as possible, if not plowed last fall, put on a good covering of manure, you won't kill the land with it. Sow 1 1/2 to 2 bushels of peas per acre, plow them under 3 to 5 inches deep, in a week or ten days sow about as many oats and harrow them in. The harrowing will loosen the crust and help kill the weeds. Take another piece and treat it the same way about two weeks after sowing the first with peas and perhaps a third if you want a succession. When the pods begin to fill, cut green and feed your cattle. You won't kill them, but you will be surprised at the quantity and quality of milk they give. You can also feed the peas and oats to the pigs and they will thrive and grow so that you can sell them early, before they eat up all the corn you raise during the summer.

GERMAN MILLET.
This is a very rapid grower and an excellent soiling crop. It also makes good hay if cut a little green and properly cured. Horses will keep on it during the winter better than on timothy and three times the quantity can be raised to the acre. Then will come the corn fodder and the more mature it is the better and the more nourishment it will afford. Nubbings in the fodder will not injure the stock. Come now farmers try to get out of the old rut. If your neighbor will not make the effort, make it yourself and see if farming does not come nearer paying you than ever before.

NEW YORK PAPERS EXCLUDED.
The Century Club of New York, the Public Library of Hartford, Conn., the Newark Public Library, the Princeton Theological Seminary, the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen in New York and several other libraries have excluded the New York World and Journal from their files. There are not two more disreputable papers published in the country today than the above named, and they should on account of their degrading contents and attempts to undermine public morality and corrupt the youth of the country be shut out from every home and public place in the land.
If you have a neighbor who has a boy you don't want to see raised, encourage the youth to smoke cigarettes. You cannot be indicted for this act but you will be guilty of his moral and mental murder all the same, and the boy will soon be dead to about all that is manly or that goes to make up nobility in youth.

MR. BLISS AT HARRISBURG IS AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE RECORD. He wants it to hurry up and come out within six or eight weeks after the date of the proceedings it records. It costs \$40,000 to publish it, but what good it is to anybody is something no fellow can find out.
McKINLEY'S inaugural address is very favorably received by the country. The Democratic newspapers if they do not praise at least have the wisdom not to sharply criticize.
We commend 1 Corinthians 2 chapter 2 verse to some of those preachers who stagger at the Jonah narrative, and the inerrancy of the scripture, and like to preach politics.
They say that Hart, of Pike, now seen that he's in it as a result of getting out of it in the campaign last fall. Coal Gazette.
In what? Be explicit, Brother Sigley.

Afraid of 10 to 1 Fibs.
The Democrats of Rhode Island will, it is said, ignore the currency question in their coming state convention. They will ignore it for the same reason that a burnt child stops playing with fire. It is to be hoped that the Democrats will profit by past mistakes. It would be a pity not to have the two great old parties in the field in 1900.
Large Currency.
Sneak Thief Sam—Pity 'twas about Jimmy! He was making big money, and the police broke him all up.
Footpad Slim—Big money, was he? What was his lay?
Sneak Thief Sam—Coining silver dollars.

HARRISBURG LETTER.
Lively Time Expected Over the Capitol Commission Bill.
RHONE'S SCHEME OF TAXATION.
The Farmer Leader Proposes a Tax of One Dollar on Every Vote to Pay for the New Capitol Building—Dr. Swallow's Charges of Corruption.
(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, March 4.—Although the legislature was in session but a little over one day at their last meeting, they made an excellent record for work. On Tuesday they had three sessions, and during that time they disposed of a number of bills on second and third reading and several others on a final passage. There will be about 30 bills ready for final passage on Wednesday. Among the bills acted on, the final passage was one providing for the expenses incurred in the Heller and Laubach contest for senator of Northampton county in 1895, which was passed, and the expenses are to be paid. Another was the bill introduced by Mr. Seyfert making it a misdemeanor to play a game of football in the state. This bill, when it came up for final passage, created considerable amusement in the house, and although Mr. Seyfert talked for some time in favor of some time a large majority of the members voted against its passage.
Governor Hastings' veto of the resolution requiring that the architects, contractors, mechanics and laborers employed in the erection of the new capitol should be citizens of Pennsylvania was postponed for further action. There will be a pretty lively time experienced when the bill which has been introduced creating a commission composed of members of the house and senate to supervise the erection of the new capitol building comes up for action. The friends of this measure hope to secure its passage, but they will be met with very strong opposition. A number of the members have received very decided opinions from a number of their constituents against the adoption of this measure, and they will have to best those who are put in a very unpleasant light before an influential portion of their constituency.
The experience of the New York authorities, as well as those of Philadelphia, should be convincing evidence sufficient to show our lawmakers the folly and expense that attends a commission of the sort, and that, in the event of a commission being created, it would be years before they would complete their work.
The Dairy Commission Investigation.
The committee appointed to investigate the dairy and food commission has been appointed and will commence their investigation within a few days. The vinegar bill which has been introduced, providing that no vinegar shall be manufactured and sold which is not the legitimate product of pure apple juice, known as apple cider or vinegar, is meeting with some opposition by some who represent districts where there are some manufacturers located manufacturing vinegar from cherries, and who have a large amount of money invested in their plants. This bill, they believe, would work ruin to their business. They claim that their product is equal in quality to that of apples, and that produced from apples. But the friends of this bill claim that they are actuated by a motive to secure a pure article, and that the time spent in a means of protection to the farming interests.
Among those who came to Harrisburg within the past few days to confer with the committee on the plans for the construction of the new capitol were William B. Powell, the celebrated stockman of Crawford county, and Leonard Rhone, of Centre county, member of the senate. These gentlemen represent the agricultural interests. During their conference with the governor Mr. Rhone suggested a plan by which a sufficient amount of revenue might be raised for the erection of the new building that is unique, and at the same time is worth considering. It is to lay a tax of 31 on the voter in the state, and it would give each person a direct interest in the building.
Governor Hastings is busily engaged in securing plans and estimates for the erection of the new building, that he may lay them before the legislature as soon as possible, and that they may have ample time to consider them.
There seems to be an opposition developed in the state, in requiring banks having state funds deposited to pay interest on them. When it is considered that a revenue would be derived from the new building of \$100,000 it is worthy of a trial at least.
The committee that has in charge the investigation of the state treasury and auditor general's departments had another session, but has failed to ascertain thus far but little information. They meet again Tuesday, when Auditor General Mylin, Chief Clerk Bricker and Corporation Clerk Glenn, of the auditor general's department, will be heard.
Dr. Swallow's Charges.
The fire investigating committee of the legislature at its last session attempted to obtain further information from Dr. Swallow, chief of the Pennsylvania Methodist of this city, in respect to the identity of the persons upon whom he based his charges that the capitol was set on fire. But he refused to answer, and seemed to be fearless of any threats to hold him in contempt. Nothing has developed since the hearing given Dr. Swallow on charges of libel preferred by Captain W. F. Stewart, a member of the house of representatives and secretary of the soldiers orphans' commission, and by Captain J. C. Delaney, superintendent of public buildings and grounds at which hearing Dr. Swallow waived the right to give testimony to the court, except the open letter Dr. Swallow has addressed to Governor Hastings, in which he requests that the trial be based on the following allegations, all to be tried at one time.
"That persons have been paid money out of the state treasury who have rendered no service to the state therefor, and in some cases made no pretense of service, except as politicians serving their party."
"That for services rendered the state persons have been asked to sign receipts for two hundred and seven thousand dollars more than they actually received."
"That in the purchase of material and labor for making additions, alterations, repairs and refurbishing the capitol building, cellars and grounds, also for the executive mansion, and now for Grace church, the state has lost many thousands of dollars as the result of their unfair system of competitive bidding. In other words, that the cost to the state has been two, three, four and

as high as eight times in some instances as much as it should have been, and that this money went to persons conducting the business and labor, and further that at least some of the board of public grounds and buildings custodians have guilty knowledge of these excessive costs.
"That the act of 1885 in relation to public buildings and grounds is corrupting in its tendencies, perilous to its results, and has cost the state at least \$100,000 more than it should have cost, and should have cost under some other system of management."
Among the bills introduced recently was one fixing the term of license for selling liquor at three years; one providing for the payment of mileage at the rate of three cents a mile to poor officers in the militia; one fixing their duty, and those passed finally were one allowing female teachers the same salary as the compensation secured by male instructors; also the arrest and conviction to have certain persons violating any borough ordinance, and to protect the right to form, join or belong to labor organizations.
Interest on State Deposits.
Representatives McClain of Lancaster, Tappan of Berks, Stewart of York, and Scott and Stewart of Philadelphia, the legislative sub-committee having charge of the bills to compel the payment of interest on state deposits, met in Philadelphia on Saturday. It was thought advisable that an entirely new bill should be framed, which was presented to the house this evening. The bill, it is understood, fixes the rate of interest at 4 per cent, and provides for three active banks, one in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia, and allows each \$500,000, but whether this is a modification of the present law after its introduction remains to be seen.
There is a plan to put this bill into the hands of the sinking fund commission, the idea being to make the state responsible for the interest on the state funds as an active account in each of three banks located in Philadelphia, Dauphin and Allegheny counties, respectively, and thus exempt \$1,500,000 from the payment of interest. The purpose is apparent. It is to evade the object of the original measure, allow a wide margin for personal and political spoils, deprive the state of much needed revenue, and array the country banks and country members of the legislature against the whole movement in the house.
Senator Thomas, of Philadelphia, is happy over the fact that he has had reported from the committee on judiciary general his measure providing for the removal of the state capitol to Philadelphia, and submitting the question to a popular vote. It is understood no vote was taken in the committee, but that out of courtesy to Mr. Thomas the committee has reported in favor of it. This bill is not likely to get beyond second reading in the senate, and will receive little if any consideration in the house.
Mr. Marshall, chairman of the committee on appropriations, has organized and is in a position to give the different bills the special consideration they require. He has a number of bills connected with the legislature, as there seems to be a greater demand than ever for state funds to sustain various new charitable enterprises that have developed. It is the purpose of this committee to distribute the funds as equally and as judiciously as possible, and knows everything that does not favor the state treasury, and as soon as the state treasury can inform them of the total available funds now in its possession. The labors of this committee will be more arduous and perhaps more prolonged as any connected with the legislature, as there seems to be a greater demand than ever for state funds to sustain various new charitable enterprises that have developed. 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