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MOON'S PHASES—
Full Moon, 4th; Last Quarter, 12th;
New Moon, 19th; First Quarter, 25th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled to-night and Friday, probably showers. Not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Friday, probably showers. Gentle to moderate southerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG
Highest, 61; lowest, 57; 8 a. m., 57; 8 p. m., 59.

SUCCESS OF THE COUNTY FAIRS

Algeron S. Martin, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture in Pennsylvania, is authority for the statement that the county fairs held in this state this year were the most successful in history, both in the quantity and quality of the exhibits and also in the attendance. This remarkable success Mr. Martin ascribes not only to the splendid weather that prevailed but also to the fact that the farmers and others who have things to exhibit have taken a greater interest this year than ever before and made special preparations, through increased scientific knowledge of argiculture, to have their exhibits of a superior character.

The success of the county fair in Central Pennsylvania has been most marked. Beginning with the horse and cattle show at Hogestown, not a county fair exactly, but mainly representing Cumberland county, each successive fair was a success. Middletown, Lebanon, Gratz, Reading, Lancaster, Allentown, Oxford and York have all held fairs this year, each of which would reflect credit on a state-wide exhibition.

There has been a larger and finer variety of fruits, flowers, vegetables, grains, fine horses and cattle and dairy and home products placed on exhibition this year because the farmers are conducting their farming operations along educational lines. They have attended the numerous farmers' institutes established by the state; they have paid careful attention to instructions in fruit culture as imparted by experts; they have inquired into the best methods of breeding fine horses and cattle; have studied the best dairy and poultry methods, and, best of all, have put into practical operation what has been learned in the lectures on physiology and hygiene and other health measures, for it must be acknowledged that without good health the work in carrying out progressive ideas on the farm languishes.

All of these advanced ideas are noticeable in the exhibits at the county fairs, and have, more than anything else, contributed to their success. It is interesting also to learn that county fair associations generally this year observed the law and permitted no gambling on the fair grounds. The time is past when people who go to county fairs can be swindled by sharpers on the grounds. That characteristic of the old time fair has been eliminated forever, it is hoped.

THE CENTURY OF PEACE

It is unfortunate that the commemoration of the hundred years of peace between this country and Great Britain should fall at this time when war is engaging so much attention, or rather, that the war should have come just as the great English speaking nations were about to turn to thoughts of peace. There is something of the irony of fate in the coincidence.

It does not seem necessary, however, that the celebration of the peace centenary should be omitted. So far as the United States is concerned, it seems to be particularly necessary that the festivities be held as planned. The fact that this great republic is not involved in the consuming war, warrants it in not only praying for future international peace, but also in celebrating the peace which it has in the past enjoyed.

England is too greatly absorbed in war to consider extensive celebration of its century of peace with the United States. It could not well become jubilant over peace with a country across the ocean while it is excited over war with nations across the channel. England is only one party to the peace celebration, however, and this country could hold festivities enough for both. The fact that England is at war does not lessen the importance of the fact that the United States is at peace.

Before the outbreak of the great war in Europe preparations were begun at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington for the issuance of special postage stamps commemorating the century of peace. According to accounts from Washington these stamps are soon to be ready for use, but may not be issued by the Postoffice Department. The matter rests with Postmaster General Burleson.

The word "Peace" appears prominently on the stamps, which are of two-cent and five-cent denominations. On the former the Stars and Stripes appear beside the Union Jack, which is doubtless the objectionable feature in view of the trouble in which the Union Jack has become involved since the designs for the stamps were approved.

In maintaining its neutrality this government must watch closely its every move. Its postage stamps are its direct products, and are supposed to reflect its impulses. If it were to display too great a friendliness for Great Britain at this time, by fervently clasping hands across the globe on its postage stamps, its intentions might not be properly understood by contending countries which have their own conceptions of peace.

It may be well to postpone or to call off entirely the issuance to the public of the peace stamps, yet there is no reason why the celebration of the centenary itself should be omitted. Canada will join with this country in the festivities, and good feeling between us and our northern neighbor should be cultivated. The suitable commemoration of the century of peace was first suggested by a Canadian cabinet member, W. L. Ving, and even though England is otherwise engaged, Canada strongly favors reciprocity with the United States in peace and good will.

Harrisburg has every reason to feel proud of its entertainment of the firemen this week. No other city in the state could have done better.

England is shutting off her wool exports, but American tailors will continue to manufacture clothing with the guarantee that it is "all wool but the buttons."

Governor Glynn, of New York, is taking no chances. He has assumed the leadership of the state Democracy and will conduct his own campaign. If he is sincere it looks like a slap at Tammany.

Secretary Bryan is going to speak for "peace" at a meeting in Philadelphia on Monday night. Are we to understand that the gentleman has been sent into Pennsylvania to patch up a truce between the "Old Guard" and the "Reorganizers?"

Auditor General Powell believes in looking into things—especially commission expense accounts; but he insists that his administration is not either of the "ham sandwich" or "champagne breakfast" variety, and he believes in upholding the dignity of the state.

The "Patriot" can interpret anything optimistically from the Democratic viewpoint. For instance it says to-day, with reference to the city registration figures: "Heavy Republican Roll Indicates Great Anti-Machine Vote in November."

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

HOLDING THEIR OWN

A regiment of regulars was making a long, dusty march across the rolling prairie of Montana. It was a hot, blistering day and the men, longing for water and rest, were impatient to reach the next town. A rancher rode past.

"Say, friend," called out one of the men; "how far is it to the next town?"

"Oh, a matter of two miles or so, I reckon," called back the rancher. Another hour dragged by and another rancher was encountered.

"How far to the next town?" the men asked him eagerly.

"Oh, a good two miles."

A weary half hour longer of marching and then a third rancher.

"Hey, how far's the next town?"

"Not far," was the encouraging answer, "only about two miles."

"Well," sighed the optimistic sergeant, "thank goodness, we're holdin' our own, anyhow!"—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE DEVIL

An old Scotch woman was famous for speaking kindly. No sheep was so dark but she could discover some white spot to point out to those who could see only its blackness. One day a gossipping neighbor lost patience with her, and said, angrily:

"Wumman, ye'll hae a guid word to say for the devil himself!"

Instantly came the reply:

"Weel, he's a vera industreeous body!"—Philadelphia Record.

A REASONABLE REQUEST

"Harry,' she said thoughtfully.

"What is it?" responded the worried business man rather shortly.

"I wish you could rearrange your business a little bit."

"How?"

'So as to be a bear on Wall Street instead of at home."—Fun.

IN LEGAL JARGON

"Who writes you so many letters, dear?"

"A young lawyer."

"And does he write nice letters?"

"In a legal way, yes. He says I have beautiful eyes and is constantly alluding to what he calls the aforesaid eyes, orbs or visual organs."—Pittsburgh Post.

OH, WOODROW!

Apropos of the human side of the President of the United States, the President was out for a ride in his motor car one afternoon. The machine passed a small boy standing beside the road.

"Did you notice what that boy did when we passed?" the President asked.

"No, Mr. President; I did not."

"He made a face at me."

"Is it possible?" exclaimed the shocked companion. "I didn't observe him."

"He did," said the President; "but did you notice what I did?"

"No, sir."

"Well," answered the President, happily, "I made a face right back at him!"—Exchange.

Tongue-End Topics

Hope Company's Beehive

Among the devices employed in the handsome decorative scheme of the Hope Fire Company along Second street from State to North is the beehive. Many have asked why this device is used to represent the Hope company, and an old fireman volunteers the explanation. When fire companies were first organized in Harrisburg the public, being very proud of the different organizations, bestowed upon them some pet name. Regarding the Hope company, it was remarked that they were a very effective set of firemen, always on hand at the first alarm of fire and exceedingly efficient workers. They became known as the "Busy Bees," and on top of the original Hope engine house was a beehive, symbolic of the fact that the members of the Hope lived up to their name. In time the Hope members, from the device on top of their building, came to be known as the "Hivers," and they are known by that name to this day, although they are seldom referred to in that way. The beehive always forms part of the Hope company's decorative scheme.

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Friendship the "Red Rabbits"

In the early days the members of the Friendship Fire Company were known as the "Red Rabbits," a pet name earned because of their celerity in getting to fires. At the first alarm of fire the red-shirted Friendship firemen could be seen scurrying to a blaze like a pack of red rabbits, drawing their hose cart or hand engine, and thus they got their name. The Paxton is known as "Big Six," because of its number, and the Mount Vernon as the "Hookies," it being the original exclusively hook and ladder company in Harrisburg. Other companies had hook and ladder trucks before the Mount Vernon was organized, but they were engine companies also.

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Few Firemen in War Time

"There was a time in the affairs of the fire department of Harrisburg," continued the old fireman, "when there were scarcely enough members of the different companies here to man the apparatus in case of fire. I refer to the period of the Civil war. There were but few fire companies in the city at that time and few of the active members who were not in the ranks of the Union army. When an alarm of fire was sounded everybody ran to help haul the apparatus to the scene of conflagration, but few understood the workings of the old hand machine. They were ignorant concerning how to attach the feeder from the plug to the old hand engine, but they could lend a hand when it came to doing the pumping. The men who understood how to make attachments were in demand, but they were almost all in the army. So, too, with dragging the hose carts to the fire. The men generally joined in hauling the engines, for they were necessary, but in many instances I saw the hose carts drawn by mere boys. The Hope company had a hose cart called the "Fat Hose," light of build and easy to run, not being weighted down with too much hose, and on more than one occasion that hose cart was taken to the fire pulled exclusively by boys between 12 and 16. When they got to the fire, however, the boys turned the cart over to the older members, who unreeled the hose and did the work. Some of those boys are still living. Some of them are members of the Hope company now, and they all delight to tell of the days when they used to jump the old 'fat hose' to a fire."

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How Firemen Got Revenge

An incident in connection with the burning of the State lunatic asylum near this city, in the late fifties, is still remembered by the older firemen. When the alarm was sounded the Harrisburg companies responded, the apparatus, as usual, being hauled by men. Just across the canal, at Herr street, one of the men engaged in pulling the fire engine of one of the companies slipped and fell and the engine passed over his body, mortally injuring him. He was not dead when picked up and his comrades carried him to a nearby house along the canal to find a resting place until a doctor could arrive. The owner of the house refused to let the firemen carry the injured man in—in fact, shut the door in their faces—and they were obliged to carry the man to the home of a poor widow in the vicinity. The man died, and so fierce was the resentment of the Harrisburg firemen against the man who had refused to let their injured comrade into his house that they took revenge in a unique way. The owner of the house operated a truck farm along the canal and sold his vegetables in the lower market house in Market square. On market mornings, after the death of the firemen, Harrisburg firemen took turns in standing near the man's stand where he sold his vegetables and warning would-be purchasers against buying from him. It is said that he had to quit the business and turned it over to his son.

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FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Services for Kingsley A. Price Held From Home on Second Street

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the funeral services for Kingsley A. Price, who died at the Harrisburg hospital Tuesday night, will be held from his home, 2015 North Second street, the Rev. J. D. Fox will officiate. Burial will be made in Bloomfield, N. J.

Mr. Price, who was cashier for the New York Life Insurance Company, is survived by a widow and infant daughter, his mother, father, two brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Ellen McCarville

The funeral services for Mrs. Ellen McCarville were held yesterday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Milton Yetter, 1839 North Second street, the Rev. Father O'Donnell officiated. Interment was made in Mt. Calvary cemetery. Hymns were sung by Miss Edith Rourke. The pailbearers were William Dume, William Rodenhaver, John Hennig, James McDermott, George Molan and Edward Guarin.

Edward Clouser

Edward Clouser, aged 60 years, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Harrisburg hospital. The remains will be taken to Newport by Undertaker Charles H. Mauk to-morrow morning where services will be held at 2.30 o'clock that afternoon. Burial will be in Newport cemetery. The Rev. C. E. Collins, pastor of the Newport Church of God, will officiate.

Two-Year-Old Child Dies

Albert Lahley, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lahley, died last night at the home of his parents, 1869 North Twelfth street. Funeral services to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Burial in East Harrisburg cemetery to-morrow.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Smith

Mrs. Sarah Jane Smith, aged 56 years, wife of Daniel W. Smith, died Monday night at her home, Second street and Fulton avenue, Wormleysburg. The funeral services will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The body will be taken to Highspire for interment by C. H. Mauk. Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. David Crossley.

William Watson

The death of William Watson, aged 50 years, occurred at the Harrisburg hospital Monday night. Funeral services will be held to-morrow afternoon at the undertaking parlors of C. H. Mauk, Sixth and Kelker streets. Interment will be in Lincoln cemetery.

Mrs. Anna R. Steever

Mrs. Anna Rebecca Steever, aged 75 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Sturgeon, 510 North street, yesterday of heart trouble. She was a member of the Pine street Presbyterian church. Mrs. Steever is survived by the following children: Mrs. Lillie Sturgeon, Mrs. Susan Fagen, Mrs. Katie Neal, Mrs. Elizabeth Doan, Miss Mary, John W., Robert F., and George W. Steever, one sister and one brother.

The funeral services will be held from her late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Harrisburg cemetery. The Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, pastor of the Messiah Lutheran church, will officiate.

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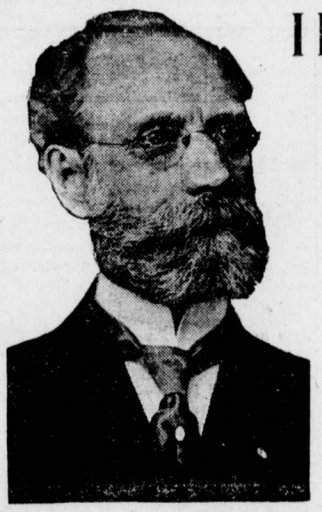
MEN FORMING CLUB

Plan Is to Admit Non-Members of St. Andrew's to Membership

Male members of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church and their friends will meet to-morrow night in the parish house at Nineteenth and Market streets, to take further steps toward organizing a men's club in connection with the church. The first meeting was held last month at the home of the junior warden of the church, F. W. Watts, in Bellevue park.

It is expected that a permanent organization will be effected to-morrow night, including the adoption of rules to govern the club and the election of officers. The plan is to have an organization so elastic as to include any men who wish to join and not merely members of the church.

The club will hold frequent meetings at the parish house during the fall and winter, which will be of a social and educational character.



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