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OCTOBER

Calendar for October 1914 showing days of the week and dates.

MOON'S PHASES

Full Moon, 4th; Last Quarter, 12th;

New Moon, 19th; First Quarter, 25th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Showers tonight and probably Sunday. Not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Showers tonight and probably Sunday. Moderate southerly winds.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG

Highest, 69; lowest, 59; 8 a. m., 62; 8 p. m., 65.

CANDIDATES IN THE PULPIT

At the morning, afternoon and evening services in the Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow addresses are to be made by Martin G. Brumbaugh, Vance C. McCormick and Gifford Pinchot, men who are at present among the most prominent in the public eye in Pennsylvania, including among them the next Governor of the state whichever way the election may go.

It is not a usual thing for candidates of opposing political parties to speak in a church, yet it is not a harmful thing. In this instance personal politics and party differences avowedly are to be omitted from the discussions, the speakers to confine themselves to the so-called moral issues of the present campaign.

Because candidates for office do not frequently occupy pulpits to discuss issues of a campaign, objections may be raised to the arrangements at the Fifth Street church, just as more or less objections are raised to practically all innovations in church activities. This particular church is accustomed to doing unusual things, urged by the progressive spirit which is inciting many evangelical churches these days to establish precedents.

So long as personal political differences are not referred to by the candidates for office it seems that there can be no logical objection to their discussing the issues of the present campaign from the pulpit. Since moral issues have taken such prominent places in the platforms of political parties, churches are, or should be, more concerned than formerly in the outcome of an election.

Church and state were at one time in very close relationship. History shows that the relationship was in many respects far from being a beneficial one to either the spiritual or the temporal institutions. Modern ideas do not favor interference by the state in church affairs nor by the church in state affairs. Politics and religion have a few things in common, however, and so far as these things are concerned it is well for politicians and church members to get together.

Candidates for office are appealing to the church people to support them, and in recent conferences of clergymen and laymen of churches of different denominations resolutions were adopted endorsing particular candidates. Action of this sort has been taken because candidates have expressed themselves in favor of principles for which the church people believe it is their duty to contend.

The attitudes of office-seekers regarding the so-called moral issues can sometimes be misunderstood or their utterances misinterpreted. If church members have the opportunity, however, of hearing the candidates themselves explain from the pulpit their views on vital questions of the day the voters of the congregation should certainly be able to go more intelligently to the polls next month.

THE YOUNG GIRL AND HER MUSIC

The following interesting letter, written to the editor of the Star-Independent, by Mrs. A. Mary Lush Geiger, of Indianapolis, Indiana, raises a point that may be discussed with profit:

The other evening I was at a home where several friends had gathered. The daughter of the hostess was asked to play a piece on the piano, and it was only after a request from all present and the embarrassment it caused her mother that she was willing to grant the favor. To the young ladies whose musical abilities have been cultivated, let me add: Never be insisted upon to play a piece or two of bright airy music. It is a breach of etiquette to toy with a fan, shake your pretty head, become intentionally embarrassed, lean back and hesitatingly insist that you

cannot, but after repeated entreaties carelessly reach the piano, dash off the most intricate production, sufficient to make Apollo's hair stand up. Always rise pleasantly and play something short and sweet, and you will not only be most highly appreciated but win the admiration of all present.

It doubtless is true that many girls and young women of musical attainments pretend to be embarrassed when asked to play in public when as a fact they are flattered at the request and hold back simply because they "like to be coaxed." It appeals to their pride to be urged to perform and the more urging they receive the more they like it; but this class always ends by "yielding" after their admirers' stock of persuasive eloquence is nearing exhaustion.

The writer of the letter that we quote above, however, fails to take into consideration that there are many young women and girls, who are budding musicians, who experience genuine embarrassment when they are asked to play in public. The embarrassment that they experience in playing is far greater than the embarrassment they may cause their mothers in refusing to play when a group of guests makes the request.

The modesty that a young girl displays through her timidity in such circumstances is one of her most lovely qualities and it should not be ruthlessly ignored. To try to force a child, who genuinely shrinks from the publicity of the thing, to play when her dread of it is very apparent, amounts to nothing less than a cruelty that kind parents will not intentionally inflict.

Everything should be done, of course, to encourage a young musician to overcome such timidity, but it must be done through kindness and not by a show of impatience to force her to play when it is evident that the prospect terrifies her. A real musician gains confidence in herself as her knowledge of music increases and this increasing confidence, as she grows older, will enable her finally to overcome her embarrassment. Forcing her to play when it is genuinely distasteful to her to do so is more likely to induce her to grow to hate her music than to endeavor to make herself more proficient as a musician.

After baseball, the election and then Thanksgiving, for which we will all be ready.

Congressman Nelson, of Wisconsin, says he is a "bloodhound on the trail of the octopus." Must be a regular water dog.

That \$800,000 left by Mrs. Frank Leslie to be used in the promotion of the cause of woman suffrage may be heard from in Pennsylvania next year.

With only \$4,555,000 in the general fund of the State Treasury, the state's financial officers will have to do some close cutting to square things before the school fund is all paid.

Old Derry is right up to the front with her new township high school which will be dedicated on Tuesday—the gift of the "Chocolate King." More Hersheys are needed in Pennsylvania.

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Tongue-End Topics

Longed for the Stars and Stripes

The prevailing decoration in Harrisburg for firemen's week was the American flag and no prettier decoration could have been chosen. Outside of the patriotism in the selection the combination of colors is beautiful. Walking down Second street on Thursday afternoon was a party of women, all of whom were admiring the decorations.

"There was a time in the last month," said one of them, "when the sight of an American flag would have gladdened my heart beyond measure. Our party were caught in a German city and we were regarded with suspicion as being English. Do what we could to dispel that idea many of the Germans we met in that city would not believe that we were Americans. If we were Americans, they said, why didn't we show an American flag? Alas, the only American flag we took along was a small one, and it was locked up in our baggage, hopelessly lost. Finally, through the efforts of the American consul we managed to get out of Germany and into France where we remained unmolested until we found a way to get to London, and thence home. I made my resolve as soon as I saw the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor never to travel abroad again unless I kept a small American flag where I could get it on short notice. It certainly is a protection."

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Four Steers Killed at Crossing Elizabethtown, Oct. 10.—Four steers of a herd of forty-seven cattle were instantly killed yesterday morning when an eastbound P. R. R. passenger train struck them at a crossing east of this place. The cattle were consigned to the Masonic Home.

That baker makes the lightest bread I ever tasted," said the old fogey. "That's right," agreed the grouch. "His pound leaves only weigh nine ounces."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Protection of Old Glory Another woman in the party remarked that she was more fortunate. Being in Berlin when the war broke out she had a small American flag in her handbag, and she pinned it across the front of her dress and was not annoyed, every one respecting Old Glory. What pleased her most, she added, was that everybody seemed to know the American flag, so entirely different in make-up it is to flags of other nations.

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