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DECEMBER

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MOON'S PHASES—

Full Moon, 2nd; Last Quarter, 10th; New Moon, 16th; First Quarter, 24th.

WEATHER FORECASTS

Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night and Saturday. Fresh to strong east winds.



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE IN HARRISBURG
Highest, 59; lowest, 49; 8 a. m., 52; 8 p. m., 53.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD TO-DAY

The Star-Independent is thirty-eight years old to-day and starts its thirty-ninth year with every prospect of maintaining its position in the esteem of the public.

The Star-Independent was the first one-cent daily newspaper in the country outside of the city of Philadelphia; the first daily newspaper in Harrisburg to buy a modern cylinder press and stereotyping outfit, and the first paper in the state outside of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to install typesetting machines. It more recently installed a Goss press that turns out complete newspapers as fast as any press in operation in the world.

But aside from the pride that the management takes in the fact that the Star-Independent always has been in the lead in the matter of installing modern mechanical equipment, its greatest source of satisfaction lies in the fact that this newspaper is fearless and independent; that it prints the news without bias and without distorting the facts to favor one set of interests,—political or otherwise,—more than another. It has aimed to give every man a square deal and to print the news first and in its most attractive form, and that will continue to be its policy.

THE PLIGHT OF THE RAILROADS

Railroad managers often in the past have been inclined to assume an unduly pessimistic attitude, at least in their public utterances, with regard to the business prospects of their companies, with the purpose of winning popular sympathy when the railroads seek to gain something in the form of beneficial legislation or to forestall something in the form of legislation unfavorable to the great common carriers. Unfortunately the trick of painting conditions so much worse than they actually have been has been played so often by the managers of some railroads that pleas for public sympathy have been overworked and have become more or less ineffective. The shout of "Wolf!" has been raised so often when there was no "Wolf," that it is hard to impress on the minds of the people the fact that the "Wolf" now is staring the railroads in the face.

When, however, a railroad manager of the integrity and common sense of Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, tells the people that the eastern roads actually are facing the "Wolf," his statement can be taken without a grain of salt. It can be accepted as close to the truth. President Rea said before the New York Chamber of Commerce yesterday:

The Eastern railroads carried less than four per cent. during the past year upon the money invested in them. This serious condition is not new, but it is now acute. . . . How much longer we can exist on that precarious asset, I will not venture to say except to suggest that it takes more than hope, advice and enthusiasm, or all combined, to pay wages and taxes, provide satisfactory service, pay dividends and retain a proper credit basis to obtain capital for improvements and extensions.

President Rea refers undoubtedly to the eastern railroads bulked when he makes the reference to the less than four per cent. earned in the last year. The Pennsylvania Railroad itself,—the best managed railroad in the country,—certainly is doing better than that; but if less than four per cent. is the average for all eastern roads some of them must be earning far less than that.

This being the case, and we are willing to take President Rea's word for it, there is danger of some serious consequences in the form of railroad

receiverships at an early date unless the Interstate Commerce Commission grants the desired increase in freight rates and unless the policy of many state law-making bodies to place unjust restrictions on the earning capacities of the railroads is brought to an early end.

CUPID ESCAPES WAR TAX

In this city, as well as in other places throughout the country, persons obtaining marriage licenses have for the last few days been affixing internal revenue stamps to the documents. It now appears that the stamps were not necessary since the law does not provide for a tax on marriage licenses.

Realizing that newly married couples will be forced to watch the pennies, officials have offered to refund money needlessly expended for stamps. One revenue collector is reported to have said that newly married couples will be sufficiently affected indirectly by the emergency tax, without having to make a direct payment for the privilege of being wedded.

The clever explanation is advanced, too, that licenses should not be taxed because marriage is not in any of the classifications made by the stamp tax act, being neither a business transaction nor an amusement.

What the law says is that "certificates as to the facts declared concerning birth, marriage and death are none of them held to be subject to the stamp tax imposed upon certificates, in view of the fact that these certificates are given in pursuance of state laws for public purposes."

A ten-cent stamp is required to be placed on a certificate of marriage issued according to some state laws by a clergyman or magistrate, but Pennsylvania, since it has no such law, is not affected by that provision.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RED CROSS

At this time when the Red Cross is in particular prominence because of the coming distribution of Christmas seals in the fight against tuberculosis, and, in a larger measure, because of the great work now being carried on by the international organization on the battlefields of Europe, it is fitting that the significance of the Red Cross be emphasized.

It is not of so much importance how the symbol came to be adopted, yet that is of some interest. The red cross on the white field is a reversal of the white cross on the red field, the national emblem of the Swiss republic. A Swiss gentleman originated the movement, after he had witnessed the suffering of wounded soldiers on a battlefield in 1859. Switzerland was the birthplace of the Red Cross.

The great organization is to-day doing effective work beyond the confines of any one nation or of any one continent, for it is a world power. Its symbol has lost all connection with the flag of Switzerland, which suggested it.

The Red Cross to-day has a deep significance. It stands, in brief, for the alleviation of human suffering and for the saving of human lives, in war or in peace. It is a sign of truce in the midst of battle, for the doctors and nurses who bear the noble insignia have their neutrality respected by all belligerents. It is a sign of worthy charity in time of prosperity, and movements which it labels have the support of all true men and women.

"Tight Skirts To Go," predicts the "Patriot." Not without a substitute, we hope.

We are glad to know they never intended to place a war tax on marriages. What we need is a war tax on divorces.

There were some election kitties that made the \$33,000 McCormick kitty look like the stakes in a pikers' round of riddles opened on a pair of jacks.

The critical architect who told the American Civic Association that Broadway is not a street but a "convulsion," must have got his impressions in "the cold grey dawn of the morning after."

Judging from the amount of havoc that has been created by the big guns in the German army, the aviator of the Allies who dropped a bomb on the Krupp works at Essen yesterday came close to getting at the seat of the real trouble in the European war zone.

TOLD IN LIGHTER VEIN

SEX IN BUSINESS

It may be instinct, it may be custom, but anyway it is a fact:

1. That when a woman marries she doesn't want her job any longer.
2. That when a man marries he wants his job all the more. Consequently—
3. That as long as there is marrying and giving in marriage, business, being desirous of reliable help, will discern a difference between the sexes.—Life.

A WEAK BANK

"Will," said she, "I am afraid my bank is in a bad way." "How foolish, Mabel! It's one of the strongest financial institutions in the state. Whatever got that idea into your head?"

"Well, it's very strange," replied Mabel, unconvinced. "They've just returned a check of mine for \$40 marked 'No Funds.'"—Harper's Magazine.

DISTORTED VEGETARIANISM

"So long as you find the cost of living high," said the friendly adviser, "why don't you and your husband become vegetarians?"

"What do you mean?" asked the worried-looking woman. "Why, eat only vegetable products."

"Couldn't think of it. What I'm tryin' to do now is to persuade John to take to beefsteak and quit tryin' to live on liquor and tobacco."—Washington Star.

SHERWD OLD MAN

"You're an old married man. What do you do when your wife begins to scold?"

"Encourage her. I talk back—discreetly, of course. I say tantalizing things. I make foolish excuses. I stammer and get husky."

"But doesn't that make her a good deal madder?"

"Of course, it does. That's the intention. I want her to get so mad that she won't have any voice left to ask me for money."

"Gee, I wonder if I'll ever get as hardened as that?"—Brooklyn Eagle.

Shop Early

—Early in the Day
—Early in the Week
—Early in the Month



"The Willard"

Overcoats that look well "In Action"

THERE are plenty of clothes that look well when a man stands still and "poses"—but they're rather grotesque when a man's "in action."

This is not the case with GLOBE CLOTHES—they look as stylish when they're going four miles an hour as when they're standing still.

"The Willard" (as illustrated) is a striking example of the character of GLOBE CLOTHES—it's a snappy, form-fitting, double-breasted coat that stands for all-around rightness and nicety of detail in fit and finish. Blue and Brown Shetland Cloths and Gray Vicunas have the call. Unusual values at

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Special Selling of Men's and Young Men's Suits at . . . \$15

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Boys are likely to be rough on any kind of clothes—but stout wear-resisting suits such as this store sells make clothing buying for your boy less frequent. Exceptional values at **\$7.50**

THE GLOBE

Tongue-End Topics

Farmer Cressy's Joke

One of the humorous things in candidates' expense accounts, as filed at the State Department, was in the one filed by "Farmer" William T. Cressy, the defeated Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The Columbia county farmer has tasted the bitterness of defeat before. Once upon a time he ran for Secretary of Internal Affairs on the Democratic ticket and was defeated by a big majority. Another time he was a candidate for the nomination for Senator in his district, but the powers were against him and again he was defeated. The expense account blanks to be filled out read, after the man's name, "candidate for election" and then follows the name of the office. Cressy wrote after the word "election" the words "or defeat," thereby showing that he had some misgivings as to the result previous to the ballots being cast.

Rilling Still Eligible?

Another funny one was in the expense account filed by the Palmer-McCormick League, of Erie. For some time the smart political guessers on the Philadelphia newspapers have been stating that among those favorably considered by Governor-elect Brumbaugh for the place of Attorney General in his cabinet was John S. Rilling, of Erie, on the ground that Mr. Rilling was a member of the School Code Commission with Dr. Brumbaugh, and his legal ability had gone far to the production of what is accepted to be an almost perfect school code, a fact that had impressed Dr. Brumbaugh. When the expense account of the Palmer-McCormick League, of Erie, was made public it was seen that Mr. Rilling had contributed \$5 to the campaign against Dr. Brumbaugh. Whether this cuts him out from any consideration as a possible Attorney General under Governor Brumbaugh remains to be seen. Mr. Rilling is one of the Old Guard Democrats and at one time served as Democratic State Chairman, and that was not so many years ago. He succeeded Judge John S. Garman, of Wilkes-Barre, as State Chairman, and in turn was succeeded by "Farmer" Cressy. Rilling is a successful lawyer, Garman is on the bench, and Cressy is still "down on the farm."

Feed the Birds in Winter

Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, Secretary of the State Game Commission, calls on the sportsmen throughout the State, through a circular letter, to feed the wild birds during the winter, when the food is scarce. In his letter Secretary Kalbfus says: "I am writing about what seems to

us to be of vital importance to the welfare of game, and, therefore to all sportsmen. I refer to the feeding of our wild game, especially birds, during the wintertime. During the past several years I have been collecting data relative to the possibilities of artificial game production and propagation. I have written to those in authority in almost every State in this Union. I have written to many individuals. I have visited various game farms, both public and private, and while I am compelled to recognize the fact that game of various kinds can to a limited extent be produced upon the game farms, I am satisfied the cost of production in this way far exceeds any hope of return. I have collected data that beyond question satisfies me that neither the ringneck pheasant nor the Hungarian quail is a "budder"; that is, can secure its food from the tree tops as do our native grouse, when the ground is covered with ice and snow. I am convinced that these birds must be cared for artificially during the wintertime if we hope to preserve them. I am satisfied that in many ways they are not to be compared with our native birds—with our grouse or our wild turkeys, or with our quail—but all must be fed.

State Pays for Bird Feed

"The Game Commission is satisfied that far more good will come to the State and to the sportsmen through the maintenance and care of our native birds than can be secured in any other way, and with that end in view, I ask you to help the officer in your district to locate coveys of quail after the close of the season, bunches of wild turkeys or of grouse, so that they may be fed during the coming storms of winter. Our officers are instructed to get in touch with your organization regarding this matter and I hope you will understand that we are trying to help you and that in turn you will do what you can to help us to help you. We will pay for feed, but the limited funds at our command will not justify the employment of agents to feed the birds. This feeding, if possible, must be done through organizations."

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MECHANICSBURG

Miss Bessie Vogelsong Died at Her Home Last Evening

Special Correspondence.
Mechanicsburg, Dec. 4.—At 4 o'clock last evening Miss Bessie Vogelsong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vogelsong, died at her home on West Main street. Miss Vogelsong was ill with diabetes for several months, but was not considered seriously ill until a few days before her death. Her death was a shock to her many friends. She is survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters. Miss Vogelsong was a very estimable young lady. She was bookkeeper and stenographer for the Wilcox Manufacturing Company and filled that position until a few weeks ago. She was a member of the First U. B. church and was very active in all departments of church work. She was president of the Otterbein Guild, a young people's society of the church, and was a teacher in the Sunday school. Arrangements for the funeral are not yet announced.

After an illness of several years with paralysis, Preston Heffelfinger died at 6 o'clock last evening at his home on West Coover street. He was aged about 50 years. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Miss Ruth Heffelfinger. A brother and several sisters also survive him. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a member of several secret organizations. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Last evening, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Campbell, a returned missionary from India, now of Scranton, a missionary pageant, "The Torch Bearers," was given before a large audience in the Methodist church. The caste included seventy-five girls in costume. Following the pageant proper, Miss Campbell gave a monologue in the character of a Hindu widow. A silver offering was taken for missions. The pageant was given under the auspices of the Standard Bearers, the young ladies' missionary society of the local church.

Last evening the Men's Bible class of the Church of God held their first anniversary social. An address was given by Dr. E. E. Campbell and music was furnished by the male quartet of the First U. B. church.

The Bible and Tract Society of town held a meeting last evening at the home of Miss Anna Eberly, East Locust street.

Services preparatory to Communion were held last evening in the Presbyterian church. Communion services will be held on Sunday.

The Dorcas Society of the Church of God is holding a food and garment

sale, which opened yesterday to continue three days.

This afternoon a very interesting children's meeting was held in the Methodist church. The meeting was in charge of Miss Eggleston, of the Stough evangelistic party, of Harrisburg.

Professor Zaner, of the Zanerian institute, Columbus, O., was a guest on Monday in the home of Professor W. H. Keller, West Main street. Professor Zaner was on his way to Carlisle where he was an instructor at the county teachers' institute.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Mark's Lutheran church held one of their enjoyable socials last evening at the home of Mrs. George Ross, North York street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Prowell are visiting Mr. Prowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Prowell, at Goldsboro.

George Westhafer returned yesterday from a business trip to York.

A. E. Seiber, president of the Mechanicsburg School Board, attended the county teachers' institute this week. He was one of the vice presidents of the institute.

Samuel Erb, of Shiremanstown, was the guest yesterday of Samuel Martin, South Washington street.

Among the visitors from this place to the teachers' institute this week were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Markley, former teachers in the county; Mrs. P. L. Beistline, Willis Arnold.

The Rev. Z. A. Colestock, D. D., one of our oldest residents, is visiting in Chambersburg the guest of the Rev. W. I. Lutz. Dr. Colestock is 92 years old. While in Chambersburg he gave a lecture in the First U. B. church in that place on "The European War in Prophecy."

A. G. Eberly has returned from a business trip through several of the Western States.

Beginning with this evening cottage prayer meetings will be held in many homes preliminary to the evangelistic campaign to be held here next month.

Lebanon Chain Plant to Enlarge

Lebanon, Dec. 4.—Plans have been approved for the construction of a 40x150 foot brick addition to the present Columbus Chain Company's plant, in this city, and the contract will be awarded shortly and the work commenced as soon as possible.

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