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MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 23
A WHOLESOME SIGN
 THERE could be no more certain indication of the growth of the city along substantial lines than the fact that the demand for houses to rent is far beyond the supply. While this condition is embarrassing and annoying to the home-seeker and doubtless is temporarily retarding the city's progress, it is nevertheless a wholesome sign. There is nothing so discouraging to city development as a host of "to let" cards decorating the front doors of empty houses, indicating either a shrinkage of population or an "over-bull" condition that is almost as bad.
 Following the great building boom of a few years back, that sent the city's built-up section far out over what had been unbroken fields both in the West End and Allison Hill districts, real estate men and financiers feared that over-zealous contractors might have gone beyond the immediate needs of the community. If this was true at any time the condition is of the past. At present the town needs more than anything else four or five hundred houses to rent from \$20 to \$30 a month, and not a few to rent for less.
 It must be remembered that the Cumberland Valley Railroad is about to cause the vacation of several blocks of dwellings along Mulberry street, that the Pennsylvania railroad contemplates the demolition of as many more, that the State will continue to tear out the Eighth ward districts that are to be given over to the Capitol Park extension and that in Steelton the Pennsylvania Steel Company is removing the houses of a whole voting precinct on the West Side. The people occupying these buildings must be housed, so it would appear that the builder may anticipate a busy and prosperous spring and summer.
 With all the inspiration and direction emanating from the White House, whose occupant has undertaken to usurp the functions of all departments of the government, it is not surprising that the Wilson choice for Governor of Pennsylvania should indicate his purpose to change the rules of the Legislature and do a few more stunts usually left to the legislative bodies themselves.
SUPPOSE HE SHOULD RETIRE
 AS a text, we quote two sentences from an editorial in the Reading News. You have doubtless often heard expressions of the kind:
 Penrose refuses to see the handwriting on the wall. His only hope for saving the face of his party is by getting out of the race and retiring into a discredited oblivion.
 Let us waive for the moment the question whether Senator Penrose deserves "discredited oblivion" and let us see how much hard common sense there is in this argument. Let us suppose that Senator Penrose were to refuse to be a candidate for re-election. Would our opponents in the Flinn camp and the Palmer camp be willing to admit that "bossism" in the Republican party had been annihilated overnight? Would they generously proclaim to the people of Pennsylvania that "Penrosism" was at last a thing of the past and that it now mattered very little whether the Keystone State sent a Republican or a Democrat or a Progressive to Washington?
 Merely to ask the question answers it. It is perfectly apparent that if Mr. Penrose were to retire from the race the opponents of Republicanism who have built up a machine of offense designed expressly to attack Senator Penrose would decline to allow their elaborately prepared plan of campaign to be interfered with in this way.
 The very next morning after Senator Penrose had announced his retirement we would be informed by a certain class of papers that the Republican party had acknowledged its defeat before the first gun was fired. We would likewise be informed that the retirement of Senator Penrose was merely a subterfuge to fool the people and that the remaining candidates on the ticket were masks for the "boss" who still skulked behind the breastworks.
 There are three candidates for United States senator before the voters of the Republican party. One of them is Senator Penrose, another is ex-Mayor Dimmick, of Scranton, and the third

is Congressman Alney. There is no way under the sun in which Senator Penrose or anyone else can prevent you as a free and independent Republican from voting for Mr. Dimmick or Mr. Alney if you prefer either of them to Senator Penrose. The State-wide primary, taking the nominations of United States senator out of the Legislature and placing them in the hands of the voters directly, was passed for the special purpose of preventing any boss or clique from forcing down the throats of the electorate any candidate not acceptable to the people at large.
 It is up to the voters, and the advocates of an open primary must stand convicted of insincerity unless they face the issue of determining in the primary who shall be the candidates for these important offices. We have been told over and over again that the old system of convention nominations and elections by the Legislature was an imposition and disgrace. Now let us give the new system a fair trial, not countenancing interference by bosses of any party. Otherwise the primary is a farce.
 Berry now tells his open-mouthed hearers that there are two Democrats in Pennsylvania for every Republican. He says the Progressives "have not found it out yet," but that they are Democrats.

"BUCK" MINNIS
 THERE is sadness among the large force of Federal employes in this city and in a wide circle outside those immediately associated with him in their daily employment. "Buck" Minnis is dead and when his big heart ceased to beat the light of a cheerful, friendly and loyal personality was extinguished; but those who knew the big letter carrier will not forget in the years to come his optimism, his sympathy with his fellow men, his cheerful acceptance of the unpleasant things of life, his cordial greetings as he went up and down in the performance of his daily duties.
 Everybody loved "Buck" and they loved him because they couldn't help it. He was the sort of man to invite friendship and to hold it and the world is a lot better because of the big letter carrier's sojourn here.
 One of the surcharged orators of the reorganized democracy declared the other day that time is reckoned in Harrisburg by the McCormick mayoralty administration "just as in the old days they reckoned time as after the flood." O tempora! O mores!

WILSON AND FAIR PLAY
 PRESIDENT WILSON, addressing a gathering of newspaper men in Washington on Friday evening, begged for fair play on the part of the press. The President implied, if he did not say so in so many words, that the newspapers had not been treating him fairly.
 The trouble is not with the press of the country—it is with the viewpoint of Mr. Wilson himself. Everybody who does not happen to agree in every respect with the autocrat of the White House is subject to suspicion if not open accusation. Anybody in or out of the Democratic party who does not bow absolutely to the wishes of the administration is charged with being unfair to the President.
 President Wilson must remember that he is a minority President. He does not represent the views of a majority of the people of the United States. He is the product of a division in the Republican party. His tariff views will be repudiated at the next elections. His Mexican policy—if he may be said to have one—is ridiculed even by members of his own party. When he has been right in the legislation he has urged upon Congress he has been supported by Republicans as well as Democrats. When he has used the White House in an attempt to dictate the policies of sovereign States in an effort to build up a Democratic machine for his own re-election, he has been censured. He has been treated fairly if ever man in the White House has been treated fairly.
 Republican newspapers have praised him when he has done anything worthy of praise and they have consistently refrained from the methods of the Democratic character assassins who have gone to any length to besmirch the reputations of Republicans in the Presidential chair.
 There is just one sentence in the speech of Friday night that requires explanation: "If I could disguise myself and not get caught, then I might go out and meet some of you gentlemen and tell you what I really think?"
 It is possible, after all this outward show and pretense of frankness on the part of the administration that the President has not been telling us what he really thinks? If he is so anxious for fair play he might at least let the newspapers know how he expects them to go about it.
 So far as trade with the United States is concerned, the outlook is for a very material increase over the past calendar year. It is interesting to note that up to and including February 14, which is exactly half of the first quarter, the value of exports declared at Birmingham alone was \$76,299, an increase of \$172,558 over the similar period of 1913. The number of invoices was 109 greater, an increase of 23 1/2 per cent. There are a number of shippers and firms that shipped many years ago, but who had lost their American business, especially after the war, through their American connections.—Daily Consular and Trade Reports.
 What do we care about the loss of home wages represented in this increase of imported goods? Think how we are profiting by the reduction in the high cost of living which is everywhere apparent! Hoarse for free trade!

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 Elated over the rousing receptions tendered to him on his tour of the western and central counties, Senator Penrose, who is performing a campaign for re-election, said yesterday that he would go on to Lock Haven. From Lock Haven he will follow an itinerary which will bring him before many Republicans in the counties of Pennsylvania. He will probably return to Philadelphia late this week.
 Representative D. E. Alney, of Montrose, who is opposing Senator Boies Penrose for the Republican senatorial nomination, in a statement given out last night answers queries relative to rumors of his withdrawal from the contest in view of the fact that J. Benjamin Dimmick, of Scranton, the other Republican opposing Senator Penrose, is but dividing the opposition to Penrose.
 Mr. Alney says Pennsylvania Republicans in his opinion are determined to return a Republican to the Senate. He is planning for a campaign tour that will take him into every section of the State. He will wage an active campaign against both Penrose and Dimmick. On March 26 he will speak at DuBois and on March 29 at Troy. He expects to announce other dates within a week.

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Just speaking of the Capitol, it is worth while to note that not only are there many members of fire companies in the State never seen the Capitol, but there are thousands of people not many miles from us who have never beheld its beauties. Not long ago a prominent business man of Philadelphia had to come here on some matters and confessed that he had never been in the Capitol and some of their captives, but that he had never seen that of his own imperial commonwealth. This man remarked that there were many things of men as well situated as he who had never seen the Capitol yet who knew every hotel in Atlantic City and were up on the best streets in New York and could tell you more about Boston, Baltimore and Washington.
 National Guardsmen in this city are making some tests with the landscape targets which are coming into general use just now and which are destined to be important factors in the rifle work of the State militia. The targets are small affairs of cardboard with bits of country shown. There are some which show the ordinary type of cultivated countryside with a few farms and a few trees and a few windmills and big trees standing out. Where it catches the men is to be told to sight for a house or clump of trees, or a big tree standing out. As a whole the target presents a wide stretch of country and could well be used to test out the men on the observation of details.
 An immense quantity of snow remains along roads and in lawns within a few miles of the city's borders and people who have been out for automobile spins have been astonished at the amount of snow that has escaped the rays of the sun in the last few days. These banks of snow indicate how great the fall must have been because the snow has gone from the fields. Some of the hills along the Paxton creek valley are still full of snow and along the mountains there are many places where the hand of winter was clearly marked. The snow, say farmers, will cause the earth to be full of water and to assure good flow from springs, while the ground will be well watered for spring.

Ex-Congressman D. F. Lefean may be recalled again in the York-Adams district.
 Mayor Frank E. McClain, of Lancaster, has been sick.
 Judge A. T. Searle, of Honesdale, is very proud of an orchard on one of his farms which he has developed.
 President Nathaniel Ewing, of the Public Service Commission, is reported to be improving in health.
 From all accounts President Wilson has reason to worry over his slate for Pennsylvania Democrats. Little wise in Illinois. In Tennessee they bumped him.
 Bull Moosers seem to be wary of Democratic snares with sugar on the outside.
 Chester mikeryans have formed a club to boot the Philadelphia.
 Dr. Brumbaugh's letter appears to have won people all over the State regardless of party.
 Congressman Donahoe and the tariff are having a wrestling match.
 Mr. Alney seems to think Mr. Dimmick and Mr. Penrose ought to quit.
 No, George Dimeling will hardly serve on the Clearfield reception committee for McCormick.
 The Old Guard and the Boy Scouts are having a nice row. The latter and Brennen appears to be well pleased with the outlook.
 The Anti-Saloon League has endorsed Dimmick. Its list is getting long.
 H. B. Saussam, a lawyer, will give the new Palmer-McCormick Boy Scouts a talk on the registration law to-night. He is also a candidate.
 It is currently reported that the Brumbaugh letter does not please machinists at the Democratic windmill.
 It's going to take more than watchful waiting to get the Jersey slate through for Pennsylvania Democrats.

WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE
POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS
IN HARRISBURG FIFTY YEARS AGO TO-DAY
WILL'S AN ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT
FROM THE FAYETTE (Ill.) DEMOCRAT
 The saxophone, an instrument that few can get any real music out of, was played to perfection by the three ladies, especially the youngest, at the reception and accompanied herself on the piano, something rarely seen. We heard Will tell us that the saxophone playing was fine, and he being a member of the band ought to give his expression some weight.
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A LITTLE NONSENSE



HOW IT FEELS
 By Wing Dinger
 There are some people in this town Who know what Woodrow meant When he told reporters how he feels To be a President.

The Governor, Mayor and Councilmen On Saturday did eat With members of the Muzzle Club, Who once a year do meet.
 The muzzled took their muzzles off As they came through the door And then proceeded with each guest To gently mop the floor.
 The truth alone prevailed—no one On this occasion lied: The roasts were not confined to meats— More than the eggs were fried.
 And men in public office heard Some things of which the tint Was such that they would rather not See any placed in print.
 But, whether good or whether bad, 'Twas taken all in fun, And everyone was sorry when The joyous feast was done.

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OPPORTUNITY

That old story of the Duke who put a great stone in the middle of the highroad might be used to describe aptly your opportunity of reading the Public Ledger. Every-one walked around the stone instead of lifting it, until at length the Duke himself rolled it aside and showed the purse of gold beneath it. The purse was inscribed: "For him who lifts the stone."

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NEWS-DISPATCHES—OF THE CIVIL WAR
 [From the Telegraph, March 23, 1864]
Colonel Davis Escapes
 Cumberland Gap, March 22.—Lieutenant-Colonel Davis, of the Eleventh Tennessee Cavalry, who was wounded and taken prisoner on February 22, has escaped and reached our lines in safety. He was treated very inhumanly while in the rebels' hands.
Capture Picket Boat
 New York, March 23.—On the night of the 17th inst. a large force of rebels approached Seabrooks, S. C., in a boat and captured a picket boat with five members of the Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Regiment. They were subsequently repulsed by the other pickets of that regiment.

"THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL"
 Under this heading the National Liquor Dealers' Journal sounds an alarm concerning the rapid growth throughout the nation of a sentiment favoring Nation-wide prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. That Journal comments as follows:
 "The prohibition fight henceforth will be Nation-wide and contemplates writing into the National Constitution a prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. To accomplish this result will require the ratification of thirty-six out of forty-eight States of the Union. Of these, nine are already in line through State prohibition—Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, West Virginia. The last five have been added within a period of six years. In addition to these there are eighteen States in which a major part of the people live in territory made dry by local option, and in which we may be assured prohibition sentiment predominates."
 "The most influential argument against prohibition is that it is not effective, that prohibition does not prohibit. This is not basic or moral; the fact of the failure to enforce is no argument against even expediency, much less against the moral issue involved. Ultimately all questions must be settled by moral standards; only in this way can mankind be saved from self-destruction. The liquor traffic cannot save itself by declaring that Government is incapable of coping with the problem it presents; when the people decide it must go, it will be crushed."
 "For this the liquor business is to blame; it seems incapable of learning any lesson of advancement or any motive but profit. To perpetuate itself it has formed alliances with the slums that repel all conscientious and patriotic citizens. It deliberately aids the most corrupt political powers, and backs with all of its resources the most unworthy men, the most corrupt and recreant officials. It does not aid the purification of municipal, State or National administration. Why? Because it has to ask immunity for its own lawlessness."
 "The case of the liquor traffic is called for adjudication by the American people and it must be ready for trial. Other cases may be called later but the one before the court cannot be postponed. There are billions of property involved; but when the people decide that the truth is being told about the alcoholic liquor trade the money value will not count, for conscience aroused puts the value of man above all other things."

EDITORIAL COMMENT
 Slip In and Out Unseen
 [From the Washington Star]
 The excitement elsewhere is so great that administrations in Haiti may come and go unnoticed.
 They're Thick Around Here
 [From the Baltimore Sun.]
 Real estate agents are the most unforgiving of all harbingers of Spring.
 He Should Wait Watchfully
 [From the Philadelphia Press.]
 If Governor Colquhoun isn't careful the first thing he knows the administration won't recognize him either.

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 Extra Heavy Casings, double cured wrapped tread.
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