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There is nothing impossible, even in the sphere of the cleansing of a man's own life and the empowering of a man's own will, to the creative power of faith.—Robert E. Speer.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

HARRISBURG is confronted with a serious situation which must have the immediate attention of the people through our civic bodies or some voluntary movement. There are not enough houses in the city at the present time to accommodate all who desire to reside here.

Owing to the high cost of materials and labor, builders have not been as active as in former years and houses for rent are in great demand. In some cases those who occupy rented dwellings find it impossible to locate elsewhere at the expiration of their lease and it has been necessary to institute ejection proceedings in a number of cases.

Millions of dollars are now awaiting investment and it should not be difficult to interest sufficient capital to erect some hundreds of small houses for those who are practically without a roof to cover their heads.

The man or men who will provide the homes which are needed at rental figures that are within the reach of the workers of the city will be doing a good thing for the city and the prosperity of the entire community.

There is no cause for procrastination. The need is pressing upon Harrisburg as never before and the Real Estate Board of the city should make the facts so plain that immediate steps shall be taken to remedy a most unusual situation.

Penbrook is still enduring its dust and mud, with no apparent hope of relief. How much longer the conditions in that town shall persist only a prophet can foretell. Every time a street car or an automobile passes through the main street the town is hidden in a cloud of dust.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION

WHEN the Legislature learn that the only satisfactory legislation for the municipalities of Pennsylvania is a home rule amendment to the State Constitution permitting the cities and towns of the Commonwealth to frame their own charters to meet their own particular needs and the desires of their people?

If ever Harrisburg needed a great exposition hall, it needs one now. Most of the population would like to get into the Chestnut Street Auditorium to-night for the great patriotic rally, but there is only sufficient room for a comparatively few hundred more of the city. Perhaps the time will come when a great exposition building can be erected at Island Park, high above the average flood line, and with ample accommodations for any great public assembly, concert or exposition.

Whether or not the proposal of Senator Biddleman that in the interim between the adoption of his home rule resolution by the Legislature and its approval by the voters, the third-class cities of the State return to the old ward representation method of city government solves the problem of rooting out the evils of the Clark commission form law, is a question for discussion in the Legislature.

Opponents of the Biddleman measure have complained that it would make the Councils of municipalities affected subject to partisan elections—that it would reinject party politics into municipal government.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Surface indications are that the Legislature will finish up its work about May 20 and take a recess and men who play politics and who observe politics all over the State declare that the manner in which things are conducted here in the next few weeks may depend in a great measure next year's gubernatorial election.

Legislators are commencing to hear from home folks, about the policy of the general assembly and both the partisans of Senator Penrose and Governor Brumbaugh are being told that this is a poor time to get into wrangles about confirmation of appointments, credit for legislation and methods of disbursing State money.

—The movement to have Major General C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, named to the vacancy so long existing on the Public Service Commission, which began last summer, has been redoubled lately and the Governor has been asked by many people throughout the State to name him.

—Appointment of A. Nevin Detrich, of Chambersburg, chairman of the Washington party State committee for several years, to the chief examining position on the State Insurance Department, came along late in the afternoon to schedule and he will assume his duties at once.

—As far as can be seen there has been no progress made in the reaching of an agreement between the Governor and the Senators on approval of recess appointments.

—Appointment of James H. Howarth, of Pittsburgh, to a \$1,000 clerkship in the State Insurance Department last night caused some interesting gossip. There were reports that Howarth would get this job during January, but nothing came of them.

—The average Congressman displays less interest in the freedom of the seas than in free garden seeds.—Philadelphia North American

—Dr. Zimmermann, of Berlin, says he is anxious to find out how the United States came into possession of his friendly suggestion for the dismemberment of this country.

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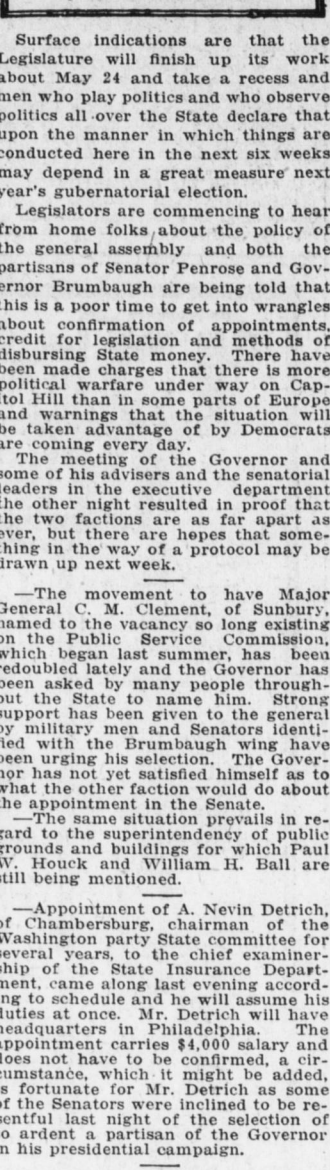
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When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



EDITORIAL COMMENT

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Since reading that a reporter who died in Chicago among other bequests, left \$200,000 to a library, we cannot find it in our heart to blame people for not believing what they see in the newspapers.—New Orleans States.

Probably Charles Evans Hughes perfectly understands what the President means by "peace without victory."—New York Telegraph.

Count Zeppelin is dead and the occupant of every baby carriage in England is begging the nurse to put the top down.—Brooklyn Eagle.

It may be written in history that Germany was submarined by her own U-boats.—New York World.

Besides, a literacy test would require a considerable reorganization among immigration officials.—Newark News.

Wonder if the Kaiser is planning to eat his next Christmas dinner in Boston or New York?—Boston Transcript.

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OUR DAILY LAUGH

UNPROFITABLE

One never loses anything by keeping an engagement punctually. Except half an hour's time waiting for the other fellow.

LIES
Can you tell I'm in love, When you look in my eyes? If you can't, you're a boob. For there the love lies—And lies, and lies, and lies.

MORE TALK
So Kate and Alice are not on speaking terms. No; but they more than make up for it by what they say about each other.

Labor Notes
Clarksville (W. Va.) building trades will have strictly union shops after April 2.

Flint Glass Workers' International contemplates the organization of lamp workers.

The first strike of American workers (sailors) occurred in 1802 in New York City.

Painters of Dundee, Scotland, have gone on strike for more pay and shorter hours.

China has only one physician trained along modern lines for each 600,000 inhabitants.

About 30 per cent. of journeymen barbers are victims of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Massachusetts has a home-building plan, under which the State proposes to erect workmen's homes to be sold to applicants on terms of easy payment.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE
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DO YOU KNOW

—That Harrisburg has scores of automobiles that will be put at the disposal of the government?

HISTORIC HARRISBURG
This place was one of the centers of cannon ball making in the war of 1812.