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THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 5

KREIDER'S WATCHFULNESS

HAT Congressman Kreider is keeping in very close touch with public affairs in his home district as illustrated by the fact that he will introduce in Congress a bill for the further enlargement of the Harrisburg Post Office.

Mr. Kreider did not wait for somebody else to find out that the federal building here will not be adequate for the city's growing needs even after the present improvements are completed. He looked over the situation himself, observed conditions and then took the matter up with Postmaster Sites. As a result he will endeavor to show Congress the urgent necessity of an additional appropriation for building purposes.

When Congressman Olmsted procured an appropriation of \$120,000 for the purpose of enlargement here the parcel post law had not been passed and nobody could foresee at that time its early enactment. The Post Office enlargements as planned would have been quite sufficient to meet the needs of the city had not the postal service in the meantime annexed a large part of the business formerly handled by the express companies.

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As soon as the extent of the blizzard became known officials of the maintenance division began preparations to aid the county superintendents in getting the main highways throughout their territories fit for immediate use. Wherever the snowfall was heaviest or the drifts deepest, additional allotments of money were made for road clearing purposes.

This is service of the highest value to the rural dweller and the city man as well. In the older days, before the creation of the State Highway Department, when winter came and the roads were rendered impassable by drifts, farmers ceased their trips to town. Produce accumulated that should have been on the market; some of it spoiled and others came eventually, when the sun melted the snow, in quantities too large to be readily absorbed and at prices that rendered the farmer small profit. Now the State takes over the duty of digging out the roads and rendering them fit at all times for travel.

And both the farmer and the city man profit thereby.
CHINA SETS AN EXAMPLE
CHINA, for years graft-ridden and as badly governed as is Russia to-day, under its new republican form of government is setting us a fine example along some lines. For instance, there is President Yuan Shi Kai, who has just given the world a lesson in economy by reducing the salary voted to him by the cabinet and administrative council to the amount of 20 per cent, and at the same time clipping an item of \$40,000 a year from the fund set aside for his entertainment of Chinese and foreign dignitaries.

In taking this step, Yuan's friends assert, he is making no "play to the grandstand." He is a plain and frugal man, lives modestly and simply, and devotes most of his income to public works and charity.
Like many of our own United States Senators—men unjustly made the victims of scandal-mongering muckrakers—Yuan is, comparatively speaking, a poor man. Though he has had great opportunities for amassing wealth, it is said to-day that he is no richer than when he first came into prominence.
Evidently Yuan is an exceptional man. Even in this patriot-blessed country, with office-seeking nation-avers shrieking their good intentions

from every corner, we have failed to notice even one humble follower of the worthy Yuan. All of them promise, if elected, to work great economies and to save the people money—but not at the expense of their own salaries, evidently content to rest under the Biblical injunction that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and believing that the higher the "hire" the better for the officeholder.

A MECHANICAL TRIUMPH

THE Wall Street Journal notes as one of the mechanical triumphs of the year the fact that during the blizzard of Sunday and Monday, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington enjoyed uninterrupted long distance telephone connection. The Journal contrasts this condition with that which confronted the people of the Eastern seaboard on the occasion of President Taft's inauguration only five years ago, when a devastating sleet and snowstorm for hours isolated Washington and made communication of any sort with the rest of the country impossible.

The change has been accomplished by placing the telephone wires in the territory named under ground. It was this "fall-down" at a time when the whole nation was striving to get into touch with the national capital that prompted Theodore N. Vall to attempt to solve the problem of burying the wires—one not so simple as might be imagined, for at that time the art of telephony had not reached a stage where the running of huge underground cables was possible. Thousands of dollars and years of effort were necessary for the experimental work leading up to the triumph of a communicating service that will defy storm and flood, wind and weather.

Marvels of scientific and business accomplishment come so rapidly these days that we pause scarcely a moment to think of feats that a half-century ago would have furnished material for world-wide discussion in the newspapers and magazines. Service is the watchword of the day and we have grown so used to having those whom we employ to render it doing the impossible for us that we have come to accept it all as a matter of course. Nevertheless, this latest achievement in the telephone world marks a step forward of more than ordinary magnitude; one, indeed, that indicates the beginning of the end of the overhead wire through towns and across country.

BETTER HOUSING CONDITIONS

IN view of the recent investigations of Dr. Raunick, the Health Board and the Civic Club in Harrisburg, the announcement that a State housing conference is to be held here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6, 7 and 8, is of more than ordinary interest.
The object of the organization it is intended to form at that time will be the improvement of housing conditions in Pennsylvania by ascertaining and giving publicity to existing conditions and promoting legislation, community planning and replanning with a view of obtaining comfortable houses at low rent for wage-earners and the greatest efficiency from public utilities in serving such houses.

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A SUGGESTION REPEATED

WITHIN the next several weeks Council will change the names of 150-odd streets in this city.
Nothing but the heartiest commendation can be given this action. In many parts of the city names of thoroughfares have been duplicated. In others obsolete names are in use. In still others, particularly in the East End, many streets between the regularly numbered highways are named halves, as "Twentieth-and-a-Half" street.

Several times the Telegraph has suggested that many of the important thoroughfares might be named for distinguished Governors of the State. Appropos of the present discussion the suggestion is repeated.
Doesn't it seem fitting that the capital of Pennsylvania name its streets after the executives who have lived and made State history here? Doesn't it seem better than naming the highways after flowers or berries, for instance?

AFRO-AMERICAN VOTES

DEMOCRATIC congressmen have introduced a bill to "segregate government employes of the white race from those of African blood or descent."
The Democratic administration did not wait for the law to put the segregation into effect. The President need not expect any Afro-American Woodrow Wilson clubs for his campaign of 1916.

"Reversion to monkeyism" is what Dr. G. Campbell Morgan calls the tango and similar dances. Why so hard on the monkeys, Doctor?

Meridian, Conn., school teachers object to telling their age. What will they do when they get the vote?

A Massachusetts reformer says, "sons are driving their fathers out of work." We know some sons that are quite willing to let father work as long as he provides them with room and board.

EVENING CHAT

The death in Philadelphia a day or so ago of August M. Conover, one of the Philadelphia City Troopers who guarded the bier of Abraham Lincoln when the body of the martyr President lay in state in Philadelphia, recalls the fact that there is living in Harrisburg one of the men who guarded the body of Benjamin Franklin. He is John B. Patrick, of the State Department, who, while a soldier in the Ninety-seventh Regiment, was detailed as a guard of honor in Baltimore. Mr. Patrick is a former commander of Post 58, commander of the Central Pennsylvania veterans and a member of the Meade statue commission with George F. Beer and John Wanzmaker. The body was guarded in this city during the period it lay in state in the Capitol by soldiers detailed by the United States authorities, who came with the train, and by members of the invalid corps, as a body of men encamped here awaiting recovery from illness or wounds sufficient to enable them to return to duty was known. This corps was encamped where the silk mill stands and was used for protection and other light duty. Mayor A. L. Romanoff also had citizens corps who assisted about the Capitol and aided in keeping the great crowds in order, not that there was any difficulty, because all were sorrowing at the nation's loss, but so that the people could get into the building in an easy manner and no one be hurt in the press.

"I should say that an average of 50 per cent of the peach buds in Pennsylvania have been killed by the below zero weather we have in this State this winter. In some districts the loss has been greater and in some lower but 50 per cent is a fair figure," declared State Zoologist H. A. Surface to-day. Dr. Surface has been getting in reports from his inspectors and from owners who have been sending information for the orchard information service he is organizing.
The damage is spotty. In some districts there is a heavy loss, while in other districts the loss is light. The damage is done by the winter-killing of trees. When the mercury goes down to fifteen degrees below zero it means death to peach buds and some districts have reported that "minimum" was reached. "I'm not crying that the crop is ruined, but I do know from reports that damage has been done. Now I'll venture to say that the orchards that have been especially careful for the winter and the weather best. The orchards that were not so careful for the winter or that were not so careful in the summer or Fall will be found frozen and those on which cultivation stopped in midsummer will be found to have stood the winter well. Many reports of damage come from two districts and orchards where borers and other tree pests have not been checked and where we know that the vitality of the trees has been lowered.
"I intend to start out my orchard inspectors within a week or so and will get complete information. Thus far we have covered the southern peach growing counties pretty well and know the extent of the damage fairly well. There must have been much damage in other districts. Some of the great orchards in the Western Pennsylvania have undoubtedly suffered."

The prospective removal of many of the houses in the West Side of Steelton recalls the fact that this section of the borough used to be known as Ewington. It took its name from Joseph B. Ewing, one of the most prominent citizens who lived in the city early knew and the man who turned the large fields between the canal and the river and north of the Pennsylvania state works into one of the flourishing portions of Steelton. Ewington became a part of Steelton on March 25, 1832, and for a long time was known as Ewington, a name which is still especially among the older people of Steelton. The names of those who petitioned for annexation were C. F. Rheeling, William A. James, George C. Strine, Michael A. Kerner, John Gelnhofer and others well known in Steelton affairs for years.

More snowbanks were attacked yesterday than on any day since the snows began to fall and scores of accumulations of snow and ice were chopped down, thrown into the streets or spread over lawns and flower beds. The snow makes a splendid protection against the sudden freezes that come at this time of the year, say the nurserymen, and is also an excellent fertilizer. The snow in the streets and on the buildings were thrown down and the snow spread about over the grass. The wise folk cut gutters through the snow to drain off the water from the melting snow.

A friend of the Telegraph sent this interesting copy of an advertisement published in the Harrisburg Telegraph back in 1837, which illustrates the manner in which folks traveled between the metropolises of Pennsylvania and its State capital.

"An old copy of the Pennsylvania Telegraph," published in Harrisburg, April 13, 1837, was found by Mrs. Mary Martin Sunbury, while she was packing the furniture. It contains the following advertisement, showing the speed of travel in those days:
"Perseverance Mail Stage Line, from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, leaving Philadelphia every morning at 8 o'clock, and Pittsburg at 4 o'clock.
"Passengers leaving Philadelphia will be carried in splendid railroad cars to Lancaster, whence they will be carried in stage to Pittsburg, Lewisburg, Wheeling, Ebensburg and Blairsburg to Pittsburg.
"The stages are all new and of the most approved model and construction."

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Congressman Edgar R. Kiess, of Lycoming, has announced his candidacy for Republican nomination and the third try will make it without much trouble. Mr. Kiess will be defeated by the redoubtable William E. Wilson in the great Democratic year. Kiess has planned a vigorous campaign and people familiar with the district say that he will win. The Republicans in that district are united on him, no matter how they are on other things, and with prospects of a scrap between J. J. Reardon, of Lycoming, and John F. Stone, of Potter, for the Democratic nomination, and the Bull Moose at odds over their own slate, Kiess has things his own way. The differences in that district are causing much concern about the Democratic State windmill and they are also worried because some potential factors will not "swear in."

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DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON CONGRESSMAN

Prizer Butts in on Kaufman's Campaign and Things Are Growing Strenuous Rapidly

TROUBLE IN BUTLER NOW

Public Ledger Says That Palmer Was Busy Trying to Smooth Over the Party Row

Right on top of the breach in the Democrats in the Eighteenth Congressional district over the gubernatorial ambitions of Vance C. McCormick and Michael J. Ryan, there is a fight over who shall have the empty honor of being defeated for congress by Congressman Aaron S. Kreider. Doc Kreider, the aspiring Bull Moose Capitol Hill officeholder, is not regarded as a factor even by his own party people and the fight among the Democrats for the dubious honor bids fair to be one of those shindies that furnish much joy for those on the sidelines.

D. L. Kaufman, who ran on the Democratic ticket last year without much support from some who are noisily proclaiming their party regularity this year, has braved the frowns of the bosses and started to get into the state again. Mr. Kaufman knows the district and the people and has been busy for some time but it is hinted that Charles Prizer, the Middletown stove manufacturer, who has started papers for the nomination will have the smiles of the bosses. Up to date he has not been mentioned in the morning factionalist.

The announcement of the boom for Oliver C. Bishop, the Oberlin man for the Republican nomination for the House in the lower end, has caused lower end and Steelton Democrats to get into the game. John J. Newbaker, the Steelton Democrat who has been boosted by some of the bosses, has become so confident that he had ambitions and it is said was not convinced up to noon to-day that he had the right call. Bishop's candidacy also gave a chill to Representative J. B. Martin, of Middletown, who realizes that things are different from 1912 and who is said by some to be smiling on Republicans or willing to be smiled upon by them. Bishop is strong throughout the whole lower end, especially in the upper end. Representative W. W. Lenker, of Williamstown, is out fixing up the fences of the Bull Moose corral and H. B. Sausman is wondering where he will get off at in the Democratic family row.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger in commenting upon the visit of Palmer and McCormick to Western Pennsylvania says: "The big thing that Palmer had his hands full ironing out tangles. The big tangle in the West End independent newspaper, the Philadelphia Record, says in part: 'They were so busy trying to straighten tangles over who is who in Democratic circles in Butler county that they had no time for speechmaking. Postmaster Thomas A. Frazier, of Butler, and C. J. D. Stronecker, a banker, who has been Palmer's elect in the county, seem to have lost out to-day. The Reiber faction, which placed Aaron E. Reiber over the county, has been in the aid of the 'wets' last Fall, demanded as the price of peace with Palmer the getting rid of Frazier as dispenser of patronage and the recognition of County Chairman J. E. McKinnon as the Reiber faction's patronage business. Palmer recently turned down McKinnon on an appointment, saying he would do as Frazier said, and this led to the ultimatum by the Reiber faction to-day. Mr. Palmer has had frequent conferences with county chairmen and other Democratic leaders from the western counties since he came to Pittsburgh Monday morning. With McCormick and Stronecker in the lead, there is reason to believe that the Congressman has been making valiant efforts to straighten out serious Democratic tangles which have resulted over the dispensing of Federal plums.'

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A LITTLE NONSENSE



She heard her brother say a steel inquiry was to be started soon and she thought it was about time the reason for so many burglars was determined.

THEY'RE OUT AGAIN

By Wing Dinger
Get your fountain pen a working. Have it ready for quick use. For the candidates for office. Have turned their petitions loose.

Looks to me as though the voters at Spring primaries will be up against a ballot lengthy, measuring two feet or three.

Seems for every office for which Nominations will be made, Five or six are in the running. And plans well defined are laid.

So you're apt to be requested, In the next ten days or so, To sign many long petitions As about the town you go.

Candidates galore will urge you To be sure to register. Politics in this election Sure are going to make a stir.

Every one is certain that he's Going to be the chosen one. Gee, but won't there be some fond hopes Busted, when election's done?

POLITICAL SIDE LIGHTS

The Invasion of Western Pennsylvania seems to have wound up in something like a retreat from Moscow after all.
—And here's a row over the Democratic congressional nomination to add to the fuss.
—The power of the reo-gang was never better illustrated than in the West End Democratic Club last night.
—Three more jobs have been given out by Kirkendall and they have all gone into Palmer's congressional district. "Wonder why?"
—Yet, in spite of the differences between Republicans and insurgents in Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties, the Democrats have only elected one or two members in a decade.

—Speaker Alter appears to be somewhat accomplished as a keeper of his intentions.
—The resignation of John Bassett Moore from the State Department, presumably because of disgust with the Wilson policy, appears to be first page news everywhere except Harrisburg to-day.

—Fred S. Drake is announcing that he is a candidate for Congress again.
—Leo P. Lybarger will be a candidate for the House in Union county. The whole family will not be in the Forgetter family way.

—Two Philadelphia clubs endorsed McCormick and one endorsed Ryan. One refused to commit itself. Score, McCormick, 6; Ryan, 6; on fence, 6.
—James C. Johnston, former legislator from Philadelphia, wants to run again.

—Congressman Ainsley will spend a little money for headquarters in Philadelphia, too.
—The Walling boomers have started up again. Too much Kunkel and Frazier sentiment, probably.

—John Bassett Moore is unkind. He should have picked another date than the first anniversary of the new freedom.
—Mr. Palmer probably found much freedom in the remarks of some of the Western Pennsylvania office-seekers.

—The split over congressional nominations will be pleasant news for Democratic bosses right after the invasion of disturbed Western Pennsylvania.

—Next thing the mikieryans will get up some nerve and name candidates for the State committee here.
—Last night was one of Mayor Royal's partisan times. He is vigorously nonpartisan on certain afternoons.

—The York Democratic situation

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Wise advertisers never make "pie-crust promises." They know that to break faith with the public would be fatal—worse than throwing their money away.
That is one reason why advertised goods are more in demand. People know that there is quality behind them.
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The standard of advertising is more exacting to-day than ever before. Advertisers are more careful of their promises and more interesting in their text and illustrations.
The world grows better.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SHIRTS SIDES & SIDES

It's Your Business To Get a \$600 Rudolf Player Piano AT \$105 SAVING \$10 Down \$2.50 Weekly Only 25 and They Are Moving Fast Scarf, Bench and \$20.00 Worth of Music Free. Winter Piano Store Open Evenings 23 N. Fourth St. COUPON Send Information, Without Obligation, About Free Trial of Rudolf Player Pianos. NAME ADDRESS

appears to be needing another visit. Berks county Democrats are to be the next to be called to receive the Jersey slate.
IN HARRISBURG—FIFTY YEARS—AGO—TO—DAY
NEW RECEIPT ORDER
The public is respectfully informed that on and after Monday, December 14, all persons who do not purchase their tickets before entering the cars will be charged 25 cents extra on each ticket purchased on the train, for which they will obtain from the conductor a check receipt. This receipt will be redeemed and 25 cents paid therefor, in cash, upon its presentation at any ticket office of the company. G. A. Nicholls, general superintendent, Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

CADETS TO DRILL
On Wednesday next, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, the "Waynes Academic Cadets," of West Chester, will give public drills in this city. Governor Curtin will review the cadets on Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock. We presume the drills will take place on the Capitol grounds.
NEWS-DISPATCHES—OF—THE—CIVIL—WAR
[From the Telegraph March 5, 1864.] RIOT AT DAYTON
Cincinnati, March 4.—The riot at Dayton, yesterday, commenced by a squad of soldiers attempting to destroy the Empire office. The Union citizens tried to pacify the soldiers and R. G. Cornyn was addressing them as conservators of the Constitution and the laws, when a copperhead named Kimball, in the crowd added "and niggers too!" The soldiers made a rush for him, when Kimball drew a pistol and fired.

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Cincinnati, March 4.—A dispatch

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This is especially true if they happen to have been advertised in the newspapers which directly reach the people.
The standard of advertising is more exacting to-day than ever before. Advertisers are more careful of their promises and more interesting in their text and illustrations.
The world grows better.

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Do You Close Your Store At 5:30? You shut out crowds of people on the street who come and go until midnight. Why not continue to sell goods to them by brilliant display in your show windows—electric lighted? An Electric Sign Overhead will serve to attract attention and familiarize people with your place of business. The cost for lighting it is very moderate—and the sign itself can be obtained at a cost easily within your reach. For further information phone Harrisburg Light & Power Co.