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The Bee's Platform
1. New Union Passenger Station.
2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement with a better surface of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha.

Japan Under a Regency.
A new chapter of history may be opening in Japan, where the crown prince has been called to govern the country as regent because of the feebleness in health of the emperor.

When the grandfather of the prince regent, in 1889, granted the long-promised constitution to his country, it was modeled after that of Germany rather than of England or of the United States, with the result of setting up representative government in name only.

While the tendency in Japan is toward a more democratic form of government, the influence of the privileged class is sufficient to retard progress. The religion of the country greatly assists in this. So long as ancestor worship prevails, that long will the mass of the nation remain impenetrable to the ideas of true representative government.

The economic condition of Japan, too, will afford a great problem for the regent. In 1912 conditions were such that 25 cents out of every dollar of wealth created in Japan went to pay imperial taxes; at that time in the United States the ratio was 0.25 cents, or only one-hundredth of the Japanese rate.

Japan has not put on western ways or habits entirely, nor did the short journey of the crown prince around the world wholly fit him for applying the principles of the democratic governments he saw on parade only. A big job still awaits a workman in Japan.

Putting a Premium on Corn.
An interesting and at the same time, encouraging, token of the belief that farm prices are before long to readjust themselves is seen in Madelia, Minn. There the merchants have agreed to accept corn at 10 cents a bushel above the market price in payment of bills and for purchase of goods.

The Vindication of Hash.
One could hardly expect to become famous or wealthy simply through cooking good hash, but this has come about in the case of Maggie Maloney. Her recipe for corned beef hash was a shot heard 'round the world, and now her employer, the widow of Mark Hanna, has left her \$25,000. This goes to show that there are positions in life which are seemingly devoid of opportunity, and yet actually full of reward for excellence.

There may have been lots of jokes about hash, but Mrs. Maloney's was not that kind. It is a marvel rather than a mystery, and no one was every known to speak disrespectfully of it. President McKinley and the statesmen of his day would steal away from official duties to dine on Maloney hash with all the eagerness shown by Jiggs in his craving for that other corned beef dish which is served with cabbage.

Kings and princes secured the formula for making hash a la Maloney, but seldom, it is said, was the effort at imitation successful. It is to be suspected that this failure was due to the fact that hash almost universally is regarded as a catch-all, a means of disposing of odd lots of meat and vegetables instead of an object in it-

self. Hardly anyone can sit down in even the most perfectly appointed cafe without some misgiving over the hash. This low repute blights the possibility of other cooks taking proper pride in the compilation of hash. Mrs. Maloney was not only a culinary artist, but she was blessed with an enthusiastic and appreciative gustatory audience.

Curzon's Warning to France.
A plain notice has been served on France by her principal ally that the partnership, if it is to continue, must be on a 50-50 basis. What the answer will be awaits the future. France has not been inclined to rely solely on its external alliances, either for protection or guidance, but has proceeded directly in several important negotiations.

One of these was a modification of the reparations agreement with Germany, whereby certain payments in kind were to be made to France, to be offset against the general total, but in which neither Belgium nor England would share. At the time notice was served on Germany that it must pay in accordance with the decisions reached and the rules laid down by the reparations commission. No obstacle was placed to the arrangement with France, except that such payments would apply only as they bore relation to the proportional amount due to France, while the government at Paris was reminded that it should not go about negotiating settlements in which its allies do not share.

French efforts to secure every possible guaranty for the future are commendable, from the French viewpoint, but are not wholly justifiable when they involve practices that are so generally reprehended as are some pursued. The isolation of Germany by renewal of the "iron ring," irritation of Italy by suspicious frontier movements, and a general attitude of distrust of others, has not added strength to the French situation. The world will approve their ambition to become self-supporting, but it would like to see that end attained by methods not quite so questionable as some that have been adopted. A little more frankness in its dealings with friends will help France amazingly right now.

Big Job Ahead for Congress.
When the regular session of congress comes together on the first Monday in December it will find a full docket awaiting it. One of the most important items will have to do with the regulation of immigration. The Dillingham law expires by limitation on June 30, next, and a new measure must be in operation by that time, or our gates will again be open to the very thing we put up the bars against. America once was looked upon as a haven by the oppressed of the world. Now it is considered a dump. We would be the last to shut the gate of opportunity to any, but protection of the people already here requires that strict rules and regulations for admission be set up and enforced. Our "melting pot" has not achieved the miracle we hoped for, and may not for some time. We can not afford the transfer of Europe's problems to our shores. When immigration ceases to be the coming here of individuals, as in the past, and takes on the aspect of migration of great national groups, as is at present threatened, prudence demands that we close our doors against the menace. Until European conditions are bettered by the people of Europe themselves, America must be cautious as to admittance of aliens.

Should Not Tax Charities.
A decision by the State Board of Equalization that charitable institutions, churches, schools, and the like, will be exempt from taxes for another year, because of uncertainty as to the intent of the law, merely postpones a decision that is sure to come in time. Nebraska needs money pretty badly, but not badly enough to exact it from institutions that are not profit-making in any sense, that are established for and maintained by the citizens, and whose upkeep is paid for by the citizens.

It may be true that some schools and hospitals are purely private ventures. Such are capable of definition, and should be properly classified, in order that no mistake will be made by the tax collectors. To throw out a drag net and haul in all, regardless of character, is both unwise and unfair. In some instances an institution may be set up and managed by a church or society, from which earnings are gathered, but so long as this money is not devoted to private uses, but goes to the maintenance of the purposes for which the church is organized, the end appears to be legitimate. A similar line of reasoning will apply to so-called lodge property.

The gain in either instance is not profit in an exact sense of the word, but is applied for a worthy object, the accomplishment of which otherwise might be impossible, or would have to be paid for directly by the members. To pursue such undertakings for taxes savors too much of enforcing a levy against a church oyster supper or taffy pull where an admission fee is charged. The Bee is in sympathy with the principle that will lay a tax equitably against all forms of property, but we think a plan may be devised to provide exemption for any that is used solely for charitable, educational, or religious purposes, and without profit to anybody. It is not necessary to split hairs on this point; a broad, general rule may be laid down and be easily enforced with hardship to none.

Joseph Daniels, who as secretary of the navy urged the building of the world's greatest navy by the United States, is now speaking for disarmament, thus illustrating anew how much easier it is to be an idealist when one is not in office and has no responsibilities.

News that the great cement plant at Superior is running full blast, laying up its product against a heavy spring demand, shows a praiseworthy confidence in the full recovery of the building industry next year.

Aristide Briand says it is no time for a row between friends. True, and even enemies can afford to drop fighting for a while.

Disarmament appears to involve more than just laying aside of weapons.

It will be a new head but the old system in Japan.

Are we becoming stable, or only tired?

THE HUSKING BEE - It's Your Day - Start It With a Laugh

NEBRASKA.
The grandeur of the mountain height,
The charm of glades and gins,
In laymen's hearts inspire delight,
Incite the poet's pen;
Let lyric fires their fuel gain
From towering things and grand,
But pass not by with cool disdain
Our own prairie land.

Nebraska's plains in endless sweep
Are fit for poet's theme,
In summer life or winter's sleep,
Or autumn's mood serene;
Her spreading fields of golden corn,
Her highways broad and long,
From desert torn by manhood's brow
Full worth the poet's song.

The soul of man will always thrill
At Nature's rugged scenes,
But peace and comfort finds her still,
In beauty more serene;
Then hail Nebraska's stately homes,
Her generous soil and clime,
The plains were rest to heroes' bones—
Her fields of corn and kine!
—Frank T. Mann, Winnebago, Neb.

PHILOSOPHY.
Two weak partners won't make a business firm.
An ounce of prevention may be worth, as the saying has it, a pound of cure, but it won't get your picture in the medicine ads.

Governor McKelvie's economic probe committee has discovered that the prices of some necessities are either coming down, albeit slowly, or are remaining stationary at some altitude. The general is studying American institutions and expressed himself favorably on boot ball, chicken (wild or tame), the Omaha police force and the Nebraska climate, but in the excitement we forgot to ask his opinion of near beer.

And now we are anxiously waiting, in our quiet, unobtrusive way, for the governor's council to get on down the list to Christmas trees to see whether or not we are going to be able to provide Santa Claus with something on which to hang the children's presents.

A POST-THANKSGIVING DREAM
Mince pie with a brandy kick
To make Thanksgiving merry,
At eve's some turkey bones to pick,
And a bowl of Tom and Jerry;
A cabaret on the bright white way,
Champagne and a roll of jack—
"Watch up, or you're top,"
"You're lying on your back."

BUSY IS RIGHT.
Philo: Speaking of a busy time—how is this that happened to me? Out on the lake with your casting rod on a perfect May morning. A great blue heron flying low overhead, a two-pound bass breaking water forty feet away, and a deer fly stinging you under the chin?—Tim.

OVERSIGHT.
We met General Diaz, famous Italian warrior, when he was here last Tuesday. The general is studying American institutions and expressed himself favorably on boot ball, chicken (wild or tame), the Omaha police force and the Nebraska climate, but in the excitement we forgot to ask his opinion of near beer.

QUICK, WATSON, CALL A COP.
To Mr. Dunn Dan Butler cried,
"I'm here to start a storm,"
"I'm not surprised," H. Dunn replied,
"You're running true to form."

YOU SAID IT
An esteemed and prominent young educator has suggested that the money saved by this country from disarmament and scrapping the navy be used for the development and encouragement of art and poetry.

Now that is the idea in a "nut shell." Filbert, and in the language of the classics, before art died an impoverished death, you uttered a mouthful. Although it is a time-honored custom for a poet to starve in his garret on graham crackers, aspirin tablets and water, only to have the royalties come pouring in to his heirs and assigns after he has cracked under the strain and has been relegated to the boneyard or the padded cell, a poet can't produce his best work under these conditions.

What inspiration is there to a hungry, hollow-eyed poet who has mullered over a snappy idea that has been, so to speak, aged in the wood, to have it returned to him by calloused editors under his own postage, accompanied by a blue rejection slip?

The bird who originated the blue rejection slip had an almost uncanny knowledge of the infernal fitness of things. After a poet accumulates enough of these little rejectors to paper the walls of his "studio" he is possessed of environs that match his daily mood.

Why should baggy trousers and a frayed collar be marks of genius? Why, we asked you, should hunger and chilblains be supposed to foster inspiration? You'll 'em, actions. You speak louder than words.

But let a poet glimpse, through his horn-rimmed specs, a slip of negotiable paper with his name following the magic words, "Pay To The Order Of—" and see what happens in the realm of higher literature. Art for "Art's" sake is all very well for a guy whose folks had the foresight to name him Arthur, but for the vast majority of writers, even though they love their work, art is but a means to an end, and that end is beating the little, old H. C. of L.

HOT HINT.
Oh, I tell you when you're freezin'
There's no earthly bit of reason
Why you shouldn't toast your feet before a fire,
Quit your yellin' "Coal's expensive,"
Really, coal is quite dispensive.
Buy some corn to burn—'twill fill your heat desire.
—Carol Rickert

Who said there was honor among holdup men? Just last week we read where a bandit held up a bus driver.

The old 10-gauge still has a healthy kick. Duck hunters, complaining of shooting pains in the right shoulder.

"What are you reading that you find so absorbing?" asked friend wife at the breakfast table. "A war story?" "Yep," we answered, teretely. "Married Life of Helen and Warren."

The storekeeper who takes advantage of a rainy day to put on an umbrella sale seeks to make a weather profit.

AFTER-THOUGHT: Still, burning coal is a grate expense.
Dangers of New Feminism.
Bishop Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal church of Boston in an address at Detroit said: The new feminism is drawing the best of our womanhood from marriage and motherhood, while loose ideals on the permanence of marriage are being imported by Russian barroom dancers. The band that is rocking the cradle begins to rock the boat of our family life.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS
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ABOUT SCARLET FEVER

Scarlet fever is far from being the unimportant disease of the reservoir grounds. It is a rather a trifling disorder and is not considered one of the health officer's serious problems. In the colder seasons it is more severe and even worries health departments.

The disease is most widespread in the late winter and early spring months. It will become increasingly prevalent as the weather weakens now and that time.

The infection starts in the throat and spreads to the neck and chest. The skin region around the mouth is rarely involved. A red, rashy face, accompanied by a white coating, is always suggestive of scarlet fever.

The quarantine period is generally four or five weeks, but the sick child should be kept in quarantine at the end of four or five weeks if the nose glands are still swollen or the ears are discharging, or the tonsils enlarged, and the throat sore.

Children with these conditions present can spread scarlet fever, even though five or even 10 weeks have elapsed since the onset of the disease.

Children sick with scarlet fever should have good nursing and medical service.

In recent years the plan of treating cases of scarlet fever is by injecting blood serum, taken from recovered healthy children convalescing from scarlet fever.

From two to three ounces of blood serum are injected deep into the muscles. The injection should be made in the first days of the disease, if it is to give any benefit. As a rule the fever begins to drop two or three days after the injection and the temperature reaches normal in about 24 hours.

Dr. George H. Weaver selected 34 cases out of a total of 1,200 cases to try this cure on. They were selected because of their severity.

If the serum was injected before the fourth day the children recovered rapidly. If it was not given until the fourth day or afterwards the remedy appeared to do no good.

In the worst of an epidemic scarlet fever it will generally be easy to get convalescents to donate some blood to be used as a cure.

Why Don't Injure Child.
Mrs. R. J. writes: "I am two months pregnant and several days ago I had a hysterical spell, caused by a great anxiety. After I gained control of myself I had severe pains in my abdomen. These pains lasted about two days. I do not think I have injured myself or my child in any way?"

REPLY.
1. No. Of course, a woman given to hysterical fits is liable to bear a child with an unstable, nervous system, but that is because of her mother's emotional makeup and not because she had a fit or two more or less. Emotional outbursts during pregnancy are on a par with similar outbursts at other times. They harm the baby neither more nor less than outbursts at other times.

2. Eat plenty of bran, vegetables and fruits.

Causes of Trachoma.
Anxious writes: "Please give symptoms and treatment of trachoma." REPLY. It generally starts in with acute sore eyes and discharge of mucus and pus. Then settles down to a case of granulated lids. Other cases start as granulated lids. The disease is contagious. It is spread by towels, handkerchiefs and wash bowls.

REPLY.
Your mind is troubled about something. Get your mind freed from fears, anxieties and phobias. Your night thoughts and your day thoughts are cut from the same cloth. If you will think calmly in the day you will not yell at night.

Challenge to Service.
The sentence in the president's Thanksgiving proclamation that might well stand out in bold type is this: "Opportunity for every great service awaits us as we shall prove equal to it." As a fortnight hence we shall be giving thanks for mercies received, let us go on, as the president suggests, to pray for a keener consciousness of our great responsibilities.—Congregationalist.

Breaking Into the Solid North.
It is rather pleasant to see the Daughters of the Confederacy electing as their president Mrs. Livingston Schuyler, a New York City woman. Crossing the Mason and Dixon line is like crossing the Rubicon. It has never been crossed before.—Brooklyn Eagle.

One Thing Left Out.
Well, we guess every possible means of lightening the tax burden has received the careful consideration of our statesmen now except not spending so much money.—Ohio State Journal.

My Marriage Problems

Adela Garrison's New Phase of "Revelations of a Wife" (Copyright, 1921, by Newspaper Feature Service, Inc.)

The Shock Colonel Travers Gave to Madge.

Colonel Travers leaned forward in his chair, watching me intently as I told the story of finding the wounded trooper in the reservoir grounds. His face was immobile, but I thought I detected a twinkle in his eye as I purposely skirted the reasons for our being in the lonely place. When I had brought the story down to my appearance in the hospital, he had finished it. The twinkle appeared to have shifted to his voice, when, after a long minute's silence, he spoke:

"May I infer that your—ah—visit to the reservoir grounds was an unofficial visit?" he asked.

"I should infer it correct," I returned smiling at the thought of our illegal fishing party being represented—as I did not doubt it would be for the benefit of the petty officialdom—as being a screen for investigation upon the part of mysterious "higher up" authorities.

"I think, however," he said, growing serious again, "that this little affair has points which may interest you people."

There was that in his voice which hinted subtly at something hidden beneath the surface of this attack upon the trooper. But it was not my cue, I told myself, to give him any idea as yet, whether I knew only the facts I had given him, or, as he evidently surmised, had a background of knowledge from which I was even now reasoning.

Besides, the badge I wore, the authority I carried, were not mine, but Lillian's. Even though I guessed her reasons for investing me with the badge upon this particular night—which I did not—I had no authority to divulge my surmise to anyone. Therefore, I answered him with a noncommittal monosyllable:

"Perhaps."

He shifted his eyes for a fraction of a second to Captain Hastings. I did not see their expression change, nor did I detect the slightest signal, but he must have conveyed a message to the younger man, for the captain promptly found urgent business in some other room, and took Mr. Cosgrove with him.

"Now, Mrs. Graham," Colonel Travers rose and hovered over me, "suppose we lay our cards upon the table. How much do you know or suspect about this business?"

"I am afraid my hand will not be of much value," I returned. "In the first place, while I have seen active service under this badge, I am now on the retired list. This being the office under whom I used to work, and who gave it to me tonight for some reason which she alone knows. She appeared to fear some emergency in which I should need it. But what knowledge she possesses I do not know. Everything I know I have told you."

"But you suspect something or somebody," Colonel Travers rejoined quickly. "But of that later."

WHY—

Do Earthquakes Occur?
Although we are accustomed to think of the earth as a solid ball of earth and rock, we should remember that it is really a hollow sphere of which the surface is comparatively thin, and that inside this globe, there is a core or center which is extremely hot—possibly as a result of the friction due to the immense weight of the earth's crust. Little by little and so gradually as to be almost imperceptible to the most delicate of instruments, this outside shell of the earth is contracting, for the earth is far from having completed its process of cooling and is still amenable to the law which says that cold contracts and heat expands. It is this contraction of shrinking that causes earthquakes, for it leaves certain parts of the earth's surface unsupported and these tend to sneeze together until they are once more solidly in place.

Earthquakes are, of course, of more frequent occurrence in the vicinity of volcanoes than elsewhere, for here the crust of the earth is so thin that the interior heat bursts forth, sometimes in the form of continual flame and sometimes as a regular movement of molten rock. But even in sections where there is no contraction of shrinking, forces which are continually at work both inside and out.

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Common Sense

By J. J. MUNDY.
Watching Opportunity.

When you have an opportunity to do a certain thing you have wished to do, are you quick enough to see and act in time to accomplish your purpose when the time comes?

In other words, are you alert to opportunity? There is a lot of difference in individuals in appreciation of circumstances which might mean opportunity.

A certain amount of imagination is necessary and an ability to recognize the essentials to success in the way which seems to open.

It pays to exercise your brain forces constantly, so that they may wrest success where the other fellow's failure, perhaps, comes. It pays better to use your head, and change your own failure to success, commensurate with your effort.

Many things which look hopeless on the face of them are the stepping stones to something very much better while if you take the trouble to study things out and keep working.

Many a man has made a failure because he thought that working meant using only his hands or his feet. The greatest things are the result of brain work first. (Copyright, 1921, International Feature Service, Inc.)

Jewel, Flower, Color Symbols for Today

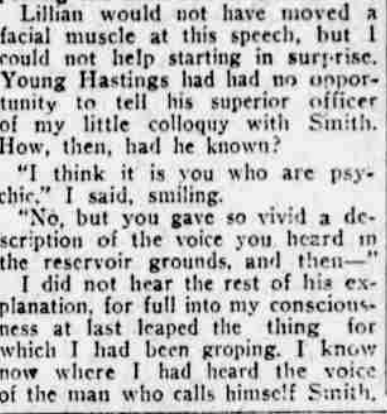
By MILDRED MARSHALL.
Temperance in all things is promised those who wear today's talismanic gems—the amethyst. According to Leonardo, this stone has the power to control evil thoughts, quicken the intelligence and render its wearer shrewd in business matters. Furthermore, it has the gift of preserving soldiers from harm, and guarding all who wear it from contagion.

The turquoise is the natal stone of those who were born on some anniversary of this day. The ancients believed that this gem would break as a warning of the approach of danger. A curious superstition regarding the turquoise is that it will strike the hour correctly if suspended from a thread and allowed to touch the side of the glass.

The orient prescribes green as a significant color on this day. To wear it is believed to bring about conditions which will necessitate much travel.

Orange blossoms are lucky flowers today. (Copyright, 1921, Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

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