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The Bee's Platform
1. New Union Passenger Station.
2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways...

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Care must be taken that the young mind is not smothered under a mass of elementary detail, but is refreshed and fructified by the broad vision that is opened up by intelligent teaching.

Competition with the Panama canal is forcing reductions in transcontinental railroad rates. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has given notice of a cut of 21 cents a hundred pounds in the charge for carrying iron and steel products from Pittsburgh and Chicago to the Pacific coast.

So much traffic has been diverted from the rail lines to the steamships that these concessions had to be made in order to attract business. The Panama canal has put competition in transportation. Means must now be taken to secure some of this advantage for the middle west.

Hardly any direct commercial benefit has come to the interior of the continent through the Panama canal. In fact, it has enabled California to be shipped by water to New York cheaper than Nebraska hay can be taken there by rail.

Nebraska does not share in this advantage, for it falls midway between the two coasts. But Nebraska is not therefore opposed to the Panama canal. All that it asks is equal consideration for its transportation needs.

Washington, Oregon and California are now nearer the Atlantic coast, measured by freight costs, than are Nebraska and Iowa. They are closer also to the European markets. It is a splendid thing that they have this cheap outlet.

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There ought to be a lot of kick in the current furnished by the O'Neill never-does, which is run on corn.

"Jack" McCrea as Man
Writer of "Flanders Fields"
Deserves Highest of Tributes.

(Stephen Leacock, in London Times.)
In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.

Col. John McCrea, when he died in the hospital at Boulogne in January of 1918, left as his legacy to the world an immortal poem. It is no exaggeration to say that the verses "In Flanders Fields" are indissolubly linked with the story of the great war.

But to those of us who were privileged to be his friends Jack McCrea left in addition to this an abiding memory that will never be obliterated and that the lapse of time can but intensify. We did not need his written verse and the story of his devotion to tell us the kind of man he was. We had known it long.

I can remember Jack McCrea when he was an undergraduate at the University of Toronto. Even then he was a soldier of sorts; he belonged to an honor corps, but he was not a member of the Queen's Own Rifles of the militia of Canada.

McCrea graduated in arts, and later in medicine, at the University of Toronto, and soon after his graduation saw active service in South Africa as an officer in the Canadian artillery. It was after his return from South Africa in 1900 that he came to McGill to fill the post of lecturer in pathology, which he occupied till August of 1914.

McCrea never adopted the pose of a professional poet. He wore his hair clipped to a military neatness and his clothes were of the ordinary fashion, but he was not a man of the least faint of literary affectation. His only standing literary affiliation was with a quaint body called the Pen and Pencil club of Montreal.

McCrea was deeply religious; not in the up-to-date sense of being intensely interested in explaining away all disagreeable forms of belief, but in the older sense of childlike reverence and implicit obedience to the Written Word.

Of his work at McGill university there is no need to speak. The college never had a better teacher. But his real teaching was the best part of it. It is the example of the manly life that he led, better than all teaching and preaching, that will remain with the generation of students that were trained by him.

Art and Appetite
Canned goods no longer sell through pretty labels, according to speakers at the meeting of the Western Canners' association in Chicago.

Restriction of the business of the packers to handle only meats and related products and to prevent the handling of groceries and other commodities in their refrigerator cars is again being called into question.

From Pulpit to Potato Masher.
We seem to have heard several housekeepers say, our own among the number, "With all the talk about unemployment, we can't find anyone in the town to come in and do our housework."

The Bee's Letter Box

Frank Crane's Christianity.
Omaha, Dec. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Regarding a letter referring to Dr. Frank Crane which appeared in your column recently, I wish to say that that letter was an inexpensive way of advertising a set of books.

Christ did not defend a creed, since He had one to give, saying, "I have said that which I heard, and ever I have taught you." St. Peter was appointed head of the church in the words, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

St. Peter lived in Rome, and according to an established tradition his successor is the bishop of Rome, which was generally accepted until within two years of the "reformation."

Dr. Frank Crane is an eloquent writer and great thinker; it is true he has a large audience; that which the world loveth the father loveth, the father loveth. For centuries Christianity was persecuted and was hidden in catacombs or caves in the mountains. The true Christianity of today is still hidden until some courageous soul will arise to defend it. And it is still persecuted.

Plenty of Freedom Here.
York, Neb., Dec. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: "Irish leaders now in the spotlight are rapidly forfeiting any legitimate claim they have to leadership."

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How to Keep Well

UNHEALTHIEST SEASON.
We are entering on the unhealthiest season of the year. Furthermore, it is a season in which the sickness rates have been slowly getting worse during the 20 years which have witnessed a phenomenal decrease in sickness during the other seasons.

Normal With Preferences.
Dr. K. writes: "I. According to your classification of mental ability in school children, how would you classify me? I find languages, music, and a few other subjects delightful and extremely easy, but mathematics and certain sciences are extremely difficult. I require all my time barely to pass in them."

At the Races.
"Who's this race?"
"Exclusively for non-winners at this meeting."
"I wish they'd let the public in on something of the kind."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Holiday With Pay.
There is a feeling that America already has enough holidays, but there's always room for one more—that is, the 10-year kind.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

THE ENGINEER.
As I listen in the night-time
To the engine's whistle shrill,
Knowing the iron monster
Is controlled by human will,
I send a prayer to heaven
For the man of steady nerve,
Who peers forward in the darkness
Watching every bridge and curve.
For 'tis he who brings the message,
From our loved ones far away;
And the paper in the morning
Filled with records of the day!
And the rover who weeps,
Who no longer cares to roam,
Longing for his wife and children,
In his blissful home.
And the freight of market value,
Come to make our lives complete,
Bringing comfort with its message
To the farm and busy street.
So I pray for him sincerely,
Asking a power divine,
To carry him through in safety,
While he's covering his line.
—Candace Sawyer Lathrop, in the Milwaukee Magazine.

Blood Pressure.
S. C. writes: "1. What causes high blood pressure? 2. What causes low blood pressure? 3. What causes low temperature, of an average below 98? 4. Where can a book dealing with high and low blood pressure be obtained?"

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