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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways...
3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha...

China's Case Before Conference.

According to a dispatch from Mr. Philip Kingsley, China is doomed to disappointment in its request that it be relieved from the treaties with Japan embodying the "twenty-one demands."

We have here the meat of a most important matter. Japan is present in China, in Manchuria, in Mongolia, in Korea, and in Siberia as an intruder, holding whatever it holds by the strong hand.

China found the door closed at Paris, but will not be opened at Washington? England and France may have to recede from some acts of the past, but why not, when such retreat is in the interest of justice?

A naval holiday and an agreement to observe "rights" in the Pacific will not establish peace in the world if the Washington conference ends by confirming Japan in its occupancy of territory it holds by force of arms.

The French chamber, in voting for the construction of 12 submarines and 21 other warcraft, seems a bit prodigal of its people's money, in view of the savings which might be accomplished through the disarmament conference.

Poor Health No Excuse.

The public has been more than kind to Charles W. Morse. It is not every convict, nor even all those released through pardon, that is allowed to live down his past record and enabled to climb to a position of importance and affluence without being reminded at every turn of his past.

Since the date of his release Morse has been living on borrowed time. Perhaps he would have died if he had not been able to afford a course of treatment in a great European health resort.

A decline of 1 per cent in the cost of food in Omaha is not to be scoffed at. If prices had gone up 1 per cent instead, that would have been considered enough to kick about.

High School Entertainment Costs.

The faculty of the Central High school has taken a step that will have the hearty approval of all save those who have not given the point at issue serious consideration. In setting a limit on the cost of the various entertainment enterprises in which the students plan to engage during the holiday season, the faculty has exercised a proper though seldom invoked power.

the gauge for measuring the value of such entertainment. Wealth when used merely for the purpose of idle display, such as has at times been proposed for the exhibition of "class" at school entertainments, is not only vulgar but positively harmful.

Santa Claus Will Survive.

An Omaha clergyman, zealous, devout, and inspired by a lofty conception of his holy calling, denounces the Santa Claus myth as an "infamous falsehood," and urges his hearers to desist from its perpetuation.

The innocent prattler whose eyes sparkle with anticipatory delight on the night before Christmas looks forward to the coming of Santa Claus as the devout Christian expects the return of the Messiah.

The significance of Santa Claus is not embodied in the material pleasure of receiving a gift, but in the loftier thought that from a higher source of good the world receives a blessing.

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A New Deal in Politics.

To the bred-in-the-bone politician the all-important thing is to get in office, and stay there. It is slow and difficult work to become a statesman, and so it is that most office-holders place their reliance on flattering the public, appealing to racial prejudices and endeavoring to discredit all possible opponents.

The humbug of running for office by raising nothing but political dust does not fool the people now as once. The present democratic senator from Nebraska is trying the old methods, but without attracting much, if any, interest or support.

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Farm Financing Improves

Conditions Such as Give the Eastern Markets Real Hope.
(From Daily Financial American.)
Secretary Mellon says business has greatly improved within a few days.

Business is not all it ought to be at home, and our exports of manufacturers and raw material are much below last year's value.

The farmer by making sacrifices and practicing severe economy has been enabled to sustain America's otherwise declining foreign trade by offering food, feed and other necessities to Europe at low prices.

The result is the decrease of debt in farming sections and in the country as a whole, while the manufacturing and mercantile east increases debt and bankruptcies.

Buying likewise is comparatively weak in the populous manufacturing east at 7 per cent less than last year, while in the agricultural sections its decline is from 3 1/2 to 6 per cent.

Unnecessary Warning.

The advice, emanating from Washington, to the householder to keep his eye on the furnace this winter, to avoid waste of coal, is timely and good, but with coal retailing from \$14 to \$15 a ton, it is almost superfluous.

Day's Work a Week for Taxes.

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A Suggestion to Mr. Ford.

Now that Ford has settled his discomfiture by offering to buy the navies of the world as junk, maybe he will solve the Far Eastern tangle by leasing China from Japan.—Dallas News.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Help.
Omaha, Dec. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: Through your co-operation and splendid publicity and the co-operation and assistance of the public, we have nearly reached our quota for the 1922 budget of the Y. W. C. A.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS.
Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitations where stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis of diseases, or individuals. Address letters in care of The Bee.

CROWD POISONS.

European countries have developed the winter vacation idea as a companion to the summer vacation to a far greater extent than is the case in this country.

In northern Europe the custom of spending Saturday afternoon and a part of Sunday in the nearby open spaces, skating, skiing, snowshoeing in winter is comparable with the custom of going to the country for the same week days in the summer.

From November until April the Alps are almost deserted by motor visitors as they are in the summer season. People go there for a week or two to get out of the house and escape in the open air.

After a week or two spent in mid-winter sports they go home freed of their colds and ready to tackle the job again.

The railroads offer winter vacation rates and the hotels, by moderate adjustment, run all year round, instead of on a four months' basis, as in the old days.

But winter in such resorts are not altogether satisfied with the habits of their visitors. Here is what Dr. Rogee says—and the thousands who are now in Florida, California and Arizona will do well to heed his words:

Within the hotel premises—particularly in the evening—the guests surround themselves with the unsatisfactory health conditions from which they are supposed to be seeking temporary relief.

It must be remembered that wherever there is a crowd there is a danger of crowd poisoning, which is extremely difficult to neutralize.

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National Bankruptcy

(From the Boston Transcript.)
The proposition, indirectly made by former President Poincaré of France that the German republic be placed in a receivership as a bankrupt, brings up some curious considerations.

Under a procedure which would be comparable with that of a proceeding on bankruptcy, they would have to take possession of all the insolvent debtor's property and divide it among the creditors in the proportion of their just claims.

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CENTER SHOTS.

Think how America's heart would ache for the jobless if they were on the other side of the Atlantic.—Hingham News.

Leagues and associations manage to get along together all right in base ball. Why not in nations?—Indianapolis News.

The man who says sugar is the sweetest thing known never slept until 10 o'clock in the morning.—Parkersburg News.

A modern good provider is one who brings home a new dance record for the phonograph every night.—Hartford Times.

Preserving peace will not be so difficult when we call in the women. Their experience in the kitchen will tell.—Asheville Times.

THE COLORS.

Across far skies I stretch my gaze And, all too wakeful, faintly dream That outlined in the distant haze I see a rainbow faintly gleam.

Not like the spectrum's shades—align That never more shall fade from me. The colors there, within my bow, Are clear and deep, and number—three.

The promise, oh my rainbow dream, Must in the future days, come true! Set in the sky your colors gleam. For peace on earth—red, white and blue! —LAURA SHELDON in The New York Times.

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