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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 Brick Surface of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha. 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean. 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

Laying Down Smoke Barrage.

A visitor from Mars would have some difficulty, perhaps, were he to visit Nebraska just now and read a few democratic papers. It would puzzle him to account for the fact that a people of such admitted intelligence, counseled by so many wise and experienced advisors, could be hornswoggled or cozened into electing such incompetent officials to look after their public business.

In the opinion of those who prepare and publish democratic political propaganda in Nebraska, the public schools are a failure, likewise all the other schools in the state.

How else can one interpret the mass of bumcombe which these energetic gentlemen are now circulating? Presumably they think it effective and yet, if it is effective, it is so only because of a lack of intelligence by those to whom it is addressed.

Senator Hitchcock's newspaper, for instance, tells in scare-head, front-page type: "Vain Attempts Made to Reduce State Expenses." Yet that very day the lower legislative house approved a bill proposed by the governor to cut \$2,793,755 from the state tax levy.

These are two samples in a single 24 hours. As Nebraskans make up their minds on these matters, it will be shown whether or not such misrepresentation pays.

The Blizzard in the East.

Little of the neighborly feeling that should characterize the relations between the sections of the country will be exhibited in gloating over the fact that Nebraska is enjoying balmy weather while the region beyond the Alleghany mountains is snowbound.

Our winter has been extremely mild, as befits this salubrious climate, and we can not from experience, unless we turn back to the past, sympathize with the afflicted denizens of that sadly demoralized region.

It is possible that Nebraska could do with a little more snow than it has had so far during the season, yet plenty of time remains for its coming.

February has often proven the month in which the heavy drifts accumulate. Without anticipating what may happen, the citizens of this section will be grateful this morning that they are not wrestling with the problem of how to clear streets, highways and otherwise restore communication.

For the region visited the snow fall means a lot of hard work, but it will also prove employment for a lot of idle men. Undeniable hardships accompany the storm, and a tremendous loss to business. All this will be made up in time, however, and the few hours' delay will not seriously affect the course of business.

Regulating the Fuel Industry.

Accompanying the warning from Secretary Hoover that industries depending on coal for fuel should prepare for a cessation of production incident to a general shut down in the mines because of strike, comes Senator Kenyon's proposal for regulatory control of mining.

The code as he submits it possesses recognized elements of fairness, and provides a possible solution for a condition that may become intolerable. The miners have shown that they can interrupt the orderly processes of communal life by refusing to dig coal.

The operators have shown that they can produce a similar state of affairs by refusing to negotiate with their men. Experience has shown what the Kansas or Colorado industrial court laws do not bring about: the uninterrupted operation of industry.

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Nebraska's Rural Schools

What an Experienced Teacher Says About Their Prospects.

In recent months we have heard the opinion of various classes of people, from politicians to poets, on "What is wrong with the rural schools and what shall we do about it?"

I am a country "school man" and the editor of The Bee has asked me for my opinion on some of the changes being made or advocated for the betterment of rural school conditions.

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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 space limitations. Where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed, Dr. Evans will not only answer but will also prescribe for individual diseases.

AT 40—WATCH YOUR FOOD! From 10 to 15 I am tempted to repeat the advice to dieting people beyond 40. Dr. Adam Wright.

Dr. Evans advises persons of this age, in reasonably good health and without serious remaining that, to eat three meals a day—one small, one medium and one large.

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She Is Needed in Congress

(From the Chicago Evening Post.)

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It requests that letters be "reasonably" terse, that the editor may know with whom he is dealing, the Bee does not pretend to endorse or award views or opinions expressed by correspondents in the Letter Box.

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Nebraska Roads

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The Special Session

Nebraska City Press: We do not know how Otis county representatives stand on the gasoline tax.

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