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The Bec's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station.

- 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pave-ment 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.

## Signs of Better Times.

The groundhog saw his shadow in Omaha, all right, and those who pin their faith on him may prepare for six weeks more of winter. None will be disappointed, however, if he proves, as often he has, a false and fickle prophet. Another shadow that has hung over Omaha and all the land for many months is surely disappearing, and faster than many folks realize. One swallow does not make a summer, or one robin a spring, but many signs combine to prove that hard times are going. Business is coming back, and real activity is on the way.

Fact No. 1 in the list is that in January the number of building permits issued by the city were more than double the record for January last year. Sixty-three of these are for small homes, to cost around \$3,500 each. This means employment for building trades mechanics; it also means relief for the housing shortage, and growth for the city. The number is small, only a drop in the bucket compared to what is needed, but it is the drop that indicates the starting of the stream. Work on other projects will . soon be under way, and a season of genuine activity in the building line is commencing.

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The announcement of the coming to the city of another retail firm would ordinarily not mean a great deal, but when that firm is one that is engaged in operations of unusual importance, and has selected this city as one to add to its stready extensive enterprise the fact is signifi cant not only of the awakening of trade here, but of the recognition of that truth abroad. Omaha has grown far more than is realized during the last three or four years, and is becoming the market town in fact as well as in name. Public improvements already planned call for the expenditure of a large amount of money, and the consequent employment of a great many men during the coming season. Local jobbing houses all record improving conditions in trade, and the factories are steadily putting out their product and find ready sale for all they make.

forced to wait, not because of any general lack of appreciation of their service or their need, but simply because the country has been overwhelmed with the tremendous and complex. problems following the war. It is significant of the restored confidence of the nation in its own power that business men, who normally look askance at any project that may increase tax burdens, indorse the soldiers' bonus unanimously. That vote was not only a vote for the soldiers but a vote of confidence in the country.

## World Affairs Settling Slowly,

When the Washington conference was called it was with a definite understanding that its scope would be sharply limited. Specific topics were to be discussed, and these were carefully cutlined in the agenda. Almost three months have been consumed in the consideration of these subjects, and a reasonable agreement has been reached concerning them. The United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan have entered into a compact which stops the ruinous competition in navy building. In a like manner, and with Holland and Portugal included, these powers have come to an understanding with reference to questions affecting the Pacific and the Far East; China and Japan have come to a settlement as to Shantung and all that is involved, and Mr. Balfour, speaking for Great Britain, says that under suitable arrangements, Wei Hei Wei is to be turned back to China by the British.

More than this scarcely could have been done, for this covers the entire program. The work is well done, for the treaties do not contain hard and fast rules for settling all world questions. but deal in temperate and reasonable fashion only with a few, but these few such as in a large measure affect the general peace. Considered solely as the first of a number of international conferences that are to give attention to problems that involve the future, the Washington gathering has been a tremendous success. What influence it will have on the assemblies that are to follow is certain to be beneficial, for it has cleared the way by removing obstacles that would have hindered progress.

Europe's turn is next, and if the Genoa conerence comes to any such consummation as was attained at Washington, a great deal will have been done in the direction of stabilizing world conditions. Slowly but surely the distrubance is clearing up, and the way to normalcy is being opened by orderly effort.

### Letting in the Light.

A sentence directed by President James R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau to the farmers at the Ohio State university meeting should be pondered by all classes of Americans. Mr. Howard said:

Men forget that too much printing press and too little intrinsic value is at the seat of Europe's trouble today, and that the "assignat" helped provoke the French revolution.

A considerable group of our citizens seem to think that a flood of money is all that is needed to relieve our economic woes. If money were the source of happiness, Russia would be in an ecstacy of wealth rather than a delirium of debt. Germany's fictitious prosperity, resting on the flood of fiat money, is fading already, as the cold rocks of economic necessity begin to appear.

No nation or individual ever succeeded in borrowing enough to get out of debt. A deluge of currency issued against Liberty bonds would fill every bank and perhaps every wallet in the country, but it would not increase the yield of corn or hogs, lay another brick, set another locomotive to hauling freight, or do any of the things that really are necessary. All the money could be wiped out, and the creation of wealth would not be stopped, for wealth is not money, but raw material plus labor.

## THE BEE: OMAHA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1922.

Spoils of Border Warfare Bottles and Jugs of Boose Taken to North and South.

### (From the Boston Transcript.)

Modern border warfare yields its spoils as did the border wars of old world countries in times long go a. In these prohibition days there is a state of perpetual warfare along the northern border of Vermont, as there is along the line be-tween other states and Canada. During 1921 officials in the Second customs district in Vermont won' 325 skirmishes with the smugglers of contraband liquors who entered the state from the province of Quebec. How many other skirmishes there were in which the smugglers eluded the officers and escaped with their wares is not stated.

The spoils taken by the customs men in their 325 victories included a quantity equivalent to 40,000 bottles of liquor of an estimated retail sales value of \$400,000. In addition there were confiscated eighty automobiles, said to be worth about \$50,000. One motor bicycle fell into the hands of the officers. Horses and wagons to the value of \$900 were taken. The railroad was not forgotten by the government agents. They gathered a portion of their spoils from cars of hay paper and rags, and pulp wood. They found liquor concealed in barrels of fish. While the quart bottle is used as the unit in stating the quantity of liquors seized, as a matter of fact the containers in which it was found included, in addition to the bottles, cans, tanks and kegs, Of the smugglers, 200 were arrested, and in some cases fines as high as \$1,500 were imposed.

Such is the story of the operations of a year along a short section of the Canadian border in the effort to make prohibition prohibit. The government agents seized liquor, and property used in transporting it, to the value of nearly half a million dollars. That is in all probability a small sum in proportion to the value of the iquor that was smuggled into Vermont despite the vigilance of the officers. And what was happening along the Vermont border was happening elsewhere from Maine to Michigan, and at points beyond. It is no wonder that the people of the province of Quebec, where much of this imported liquor is bought, have recently been told that the revenue from the liquor traffic, if it keeps du a its present proportions, will extinguish the ublic debt in twenty years. It is a debt that is public being paid in large measure by Americans who visit the province and by the folks at home who

buy smuggled liquors. If prohibition is to prohabit an end must be put to this traffic, but that is something easier said than done. Every woods road crossing the border is a means of entrance to the United It would take an army to watch them States. all. Every bit of water boundary navigable for canoe, rowboat or motor craft affords its means of access. From the maritime provinces, motor boats and small sailing craft make trips to New England ports carrying cargoes that would not bear official inspection. Coast guard vessels are now required to spend much of their time watching suspicious craft lurking just outside the three-mile limit, or calling at American ports, ostensibly for food and fuel. It is not to be expected that the liquor smuggling can be entirely topped, but the present proportions of the trafhe must be greatly curtailed if prohibition in this part of the United States and in other border regions is to be a success even in a decidedly imited sense.

## Perception Testers

Through the channels from whence come interesting matter clipped from other publications around the world for the entertainment of Herald readers when there is space for it arrives this

A Reno gentleman had, on a Saturday night, become very much absorbed in "The Tale of Two Cities." Particularly was he impressed with the description of the guillotine and the

How to Keep Well By DR. W. A. EVANS Questions concerning bygiene, sanita-tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evana by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is en-clased. Dr. Evans will not make disposals or prescribe for individual disease. Address latters in care of The Bee. Copyright, 1921, by Dr., W. A. Evans

PNEUMONIA IN CROWDS. The recently issued report of the ensus office for 1920 showed that

Carcless Sale of Firearms, aaha, Jan. 31 .--- To the Editor Omaha, Jan. 31.-To the Editor of The Bee: On the same evening that the editorial on the carrying of year. In spite of the aftermath of influenza in 1919, the 1920 pneu-monia rate was the higher of the firearms appeared in The Bee I had asion to visit a pawn she North Sixteenth street. North Sixteenth street. When I en-tered the place I noticed four youths lined up in front of a showcase ex-amining revolvers. None of them appeared to be over 21, as far as I Since, in reports on acute diseases of the respiratory tract, the terms cumonia, bronchitis and influenza are used so interchangeably, pneucould judge, and before they left each one had bought a gun and nia rates are liable to mislead unless due attention is given to bron-chitis and influenza. box of cartridges.

Now, the question arises, for what The statement that pneumonia is purpose were those guns purchased? In the case of all four of them, cerincreasing yearly is made after proper consideration is given to the figures for bronchitis and influenza. tainly not for protection. It is an admitted fact that the man We are now in the heart of the ries a gun is more inclined to look for trouble or to resent real or fanpneumonia season. If, somehow, we can avoid pneumonia during the cied insults than the weeks between now and April 1, as doesn't, therefore it is only natural well as we have done since Christto assume that those revolvers are going to be used in the near future. Also, does not their sale entail mas, we may make a record for 1922 equaling that of 1921. There is a general agreement that

any responsibility on the man who sells them. In case a holdup or a murder is committed why should the nation-wide pneumonia record of 1921 was fine, that it was largely of 1921 was fine, that it was general responsible for the good general health record of that year and that when the official figures become cqually responsible with the man when the official figures that the when the official figures become who uses it to commit the crime? 50-year tendency of pneumonia was It is too easy to secure firearms. Thile no law would absolutely pre-

stopped, temporarily, at least. Dr. Fronczak, health commis-sioner of Buffaio, calls on his people While vent their sale, one which make the seller accept some responto save the reputation of his city by saving their own lives, threatened sibility would make them harder to get and naturally limit or restrict as they are in winter by pneumonia He advises them to avoid close as-PANURGE.

### Liberal Republican Club

Omaha, Feb. 1 .- To the Editor e There are, politically The

speaking, only two groups in any country, liberals and conservatives, the left and the right. But the democonservatives, cratic and republican parties have persisted in America and they fight their battles on tradition, the old sages healthy by douches and sprays their battles on tradition, the old sectional differences, pesonalities Our effort

A liberal is one who is able to hold fast to what is good in the old malady. After getting thoroughly order, but who insists that the old chilled from exposure to cold, to order is neither sacred nor perfect. dampness and wet, when such ex- A liberal is willing to change anorder is neither sacred nor perfect. posure has been unavoidable, the clent laws and customs practice should be promptly to it can be demonstrated can be demonstrated that other methods are more just.

change to warm, dry clothing. The use of alcohol is almost a cer-In the civilization we have inherited tain invitation to fatal infection, and there there is too much reward for shrewd people and too little reward for industrious people. Name a the present clandestine indulgence in spirits of unknown purity indicates the need of special caution in score of men who have made th this regard. Fatigue is a depressant most money in Nebraska recently of intense character and when one or and you will have before you not in Nebraska recently, more of these known determining factors are associated the possibilithe ones who worked the hardest or who produced the most, but those keen traders without whom the state Why is it that crowds are dangerwould be just as prosperous. Legis-

larger percentage of normal throats. entire population were capable of at the republican primary and on

of crowds and jams. If the old stories are correct such statement relative to vellow fever



When I en-

man who

Animals in Winter Milwaukee, Feb. 2 .-- Cats and ogs have declared an armistice in their eternal war upon each other, to

(The Bee offers its columns freely to its readers who care to discuss any public question. It requests that letters be reasonably brief, not over 350 words. It also insists that the name of the writer arrompany cach letter, not increasely for publication, hot that the editor may know with whom he is dealing. The Bee does not pretend to endorse or accept views or opinions expressed by corre-spondents in the Letter Bar.) light a common enemy-distemper. An epidemic of distemper is sweepng through catdom and dogdom which is afflicting animals, both aristocratic and plebeian. Milady's lap dog is just as susceptible as old fom Cat on the alley fence. The first symptom of the disease

are a chill and coughing and the anmals begin to look for a warm place to lie down. Later a secretion hegins to run from the eyes and nose.

GROCERS ASS'N

will make "provision" for see-

ing "The Golem" at the

Brandeis theater next week.

It may not be true that

EVERY DAY'LL

BE SUNDAY

BYE AND BYE

-but it is true that

SATURDAY NIGHTLL

BE EVERY DAY

FOR TEN DAYS.

"Only One Thing

Breaks My Cold"

ment by a veterinary doctor. Dr. E. M. Sullivan, vterinary surgeon, says the epidemic is due to hathing the animals at this time of the year. "A bath washes away the natural

protective oil of the hair and it takes from 48 to 90 hours for the animal to regain this," Dr. Sullivan said. "Animals should be thoroughly brushed instead."

The only sure cure is a serum treat-

-Bowen's Value-Giving Store **Every Day** THE OMAHA RETAIL This Month

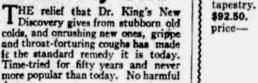
> hundreds will find exactly what they want in homefurnishings at the Bowen Store at reductions of from 20 to 50 per cent off former prices.

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presents an opportunity for everybody to refurnish all or any part of their home at moneysaving prices, and you can pay as you get paid.



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# rect bad teeth, and keep the air paskeep at a distance from those with and accidental issues. olds." should be to make the republican party the liberal party in America. mining factors that are traditionally and correctly associated with the

Why is it that crowds are alson? ous in the pneumonia season? This question Dr. Fronczak an-this situation in some degree. There are twice as many liberals There are conservatives in Ne-Journal of Infectious Diseases, who said he found the pneumococcus in braska today. We do not expect any one-fifth of the throats of persons great proportion of them to join this with simple inflammation of the upper air passages, and in even a keep them in the republican party. rger percentage of normal throats. We want to speak for them from If one-fourth or one-fifth of the

THOMAS LYNCH. spreading smallpox, we would not election day. need a second warning to keep out

"To avoid close association is dif-ficult, for it relates to theaters, churches, street cars, and the like, but even if the three-foot safety zone cannot be followed it is feasible Beet to protect the face with handker-chiefs in coughing; to avoid another's breath and cough; to cor-

Business is on the upgrade, stagnation is giving way to activity, and the outlook for the spring and summer is encouraging to all. Hard times are surely softening into better very fast.

### "Solid Democratic Opposition."

Three republicans, Borah, LaFollette and Norris, joined with the solid democratic minor-ity in opposing the bill.—From a Washington Dispatch.

Almost any democratic newspaper keeps standing an editorial which makes doleful complaint that the republicans have done nothing to relieve the country since coming into full power less than a year ago. When the record is examined, however, it will be noted that the passage of every measure is accompanied by the statement that it had the opposition of "the solid democratic minority."

In the present case the measure is one proposed by the administration for funding the European war debt. Not a cent of additional cost to Americans is included, no tax will be levied, nor any expense incurred, the only purpose of the bill being to turn a liability into an asset. Yet it is opposed by the democrats in the senate as a unit.

Democratic senators took full part in framing the bill as it was passed, Senator Walsh of Montana securing the adoption of an important amendment, yet all voted against it on final passage. The purpose of the course adopted is plain. The democrats do not propose to consent to any relief for the country, in order that by defeating if possible some part of the administration program they will have ammunition for the approaching campaign. Professing a patriotic devotion to public interest, the party exhibits its mulish proclivities by holding back, and forcing the republicans to drag it along with the load of difficulty left when Woodrow Wilson went out of office.

The solid democratic minority is welcome to pursue its tactics of obstruction to the limit, and will probably find itself more of a minority than ever after the polls close next November.

### The Soldier Wins.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce indorsement of the Fordney adjusted compensation bill for ex-soldiers is indicative of the general support that is coming to the so-called bonus legislation. The ex-service men are going to receive relief; the only question is the exact method to be followed in making it available and in obtaining the funds with which to finance it.

The unfortunate thing is that the ex-service men have had to fight so long and so hard for that which they seek. At no time probably will they need or appreciate the compensation adjustment more than in the last three years when they were suffering the difficulties incident to a return to civil life They have been

America is slowly winning back to healthy conditions, and this is a poor time to practice quackery of any sort in hope of hastening the process. -

# Leaving America Lonely.

"Europe," cables Paul Scott Mowrer from Paris, "has temporarily abandoned hope of American co-operation. As a result of the Washington conference, its statesmen are rapidly deciding to go ahead with the process of political and economic reconstruction without further regard to the United States." And this denotes another distinct difference, one that is advantageous to the United States, between the Paris and the Washington conferences. At the close of the first Europe sat back and waited for the United States to step in and shoulder its economic burden, as well as assuming an equal share in the political turmoil so prevalent at the time. If the progress at Washington has made it clear to the European statesmen that they are expected to stand on their own feet, to settle their own differences in their own way, so long as they do not endanger the peace of the world, and that the United States does not propose to lend its credit to support national extravagance across the Atlantic, then the Harding conference has accomplished vastly more for Europe's good than did the Wilson gathering, and this without regard for the limitation of arms. Europe will be rehabilitated when its people cease to look for Uncle Sam to assume the role of Lady Bountiful and Haroun al Raschid combined. A little

## self-help is needed over there.

That millionaire heiress who is to wed a Rus sian workman must love him truly. She has just advanced him \$100 to pay down on a secondhand flivver.

Attorney General Daugherty is reported to be working out plans to meet the threatened coal strike. He ought to devise a method to prevent it.

Bootleggers are reported to be rectifying denatured alcohol. Our understanding all along has been that they did not drink their own stuff.

Secretary Mellon insists that additional taxes will have to be levied to pay the soldier bonus, but that is just what most of us expected.

It is worthy of note that San Francisco has finally discovered an carthquake, but it occurred in Oregon.

Soda water makers are in convention here. Their proceedings ought to sparkle and fizz.

The legislature didn't hatch any political booms, but it exploded several.

Winnipeg reports a blizzard, but Medicine Hat maintains discreet silence.

A little local disarmament of thugs might help.

English exchange is going up-in price.

fortunates upon whose necks it descended so devastatingly. The vision preyed upon his imagination

Next day, his wife insisted that he accompany her to church. He drowsed during a long prayer, and dreamed that the guilotine was about to descend on his bent neck. Wife, upon resuming her seat when the prayer was over, noticed that her husband was asleep and still leaning forward, his head resting on his hands on the pew ahead. And so, with her fan, she tapped him lightly upon the back of the neck. Whereupon, the tap of the fan representing in his dream the fall of the gulliotine, he fell dead.

This reminds one of the story of a story told years ago one night at a party in Superior where a number of Duluth men were guests. The story was of one of Napoleon's braves who lost an arm in a gallant military exploit. On his recovery he was called out before the army by Napoleon, with his armless sleeve hanging by his side, and Napoleon pinned upon his breast the Cross of the Legion of Honor. The veteran, overcome by the honor, drew out his sword and cut his other arm off. So ran the story.

Most of those who heard the story laughed more or less slowly, but one Duluth man didn't. Next morning on the way home-the party ran until after the street cars had quit-this man suddenly aroused himself from a doze and re-"What gets me about that Napoleon marked: story is how that man cut off his arm when his other arm was already off."

Sooner or later somebody is going to ask, re garding that story of the Reno man who died from imagination, by what method of communication with the other world they learned what he was dreaming about when he died .--Duluth Herald.

# Insurance for Farm Crops

A story from Washington says: Insurance of crops as a method of stabilizing prices of farm products is expected to be one of the many suggestions put forward at the national agricultural conference which opens here January 23.

The best insurance of the stability of value is the unfettered operation of the law of supply and demand. Insurance against weather conditions or against pests would interfere with that sta-bility that the unfettered application of the law of supply and demand would give. If the farmers make a very large crop they would make an unusually large amount of money if prices were as high in good crop years as in bad. If they make an unusually small crop they would suffer f prices for a small crop were no higher than for a large one. But the law of supply and demand steps in and operates towards an equalization of conditions; for a large crop would mean low prices while a small crop would mean high prices. Thus, under the workings of the law f supply and demand, the average value of the farm yield is much more nearly equal year by year than it would be if an attempt were made to regulate it by insurance. Insurance would reduce the profits of the farmers every year by the amount of the premiums they paid and it would give them compensation in bad crop years in addition to the compensation they would re-ceive due to higher prices .- Florida Times-Union.

#### Flasks and Turnstiles.

Complaint is made that the subway turnstiles re breakers of flasks. The revolving arms function at about the height of the hips and, unless the owner of the flask has removed it from its traditional pocket, the container is in danger. The habit of carrying flasks is rather common

now, business men taking tea, coffee, buttermilk and even orange juice to their offices to sustain them in the hours of toil. To have the flask broken before it is emptied is discomforting.

But the subway people will find a way. They invented a door which can't hurt the passenger when it slams on him. So the invention of a turnstile arm that will be harmless to flasks And followed after where it fied And would not leave its death unsaid. should be easy .- New York Herald.

10 years ago would have depopulated the place in 48 hours. Yet the number of deaths from smallpox is triffing when compared with the pneumonia toll.

sociation, saying:

colds.

ties are great.

He Is Overfed.

G. G. writes: "I am a young mother, also live out in the country and would like to know a few things and would like to know a few things about my 8-months-old boy. He weighed 81/2 pounds when born and weighs 171/2 now; has six teeth. "1. At 6:30 a. m. I give him a "1. At 6:30 a. m. I give him a bottle of half oatmeal gruel and half

goat's milk. Is this all right? "2. And at other feedings, I give him a bottle of goat's milk, pure. Should I dilute this? I feed him

every four hours. "3. Can I give him graham crackers and meat broth? "4. He wakes up at night for a feeding. Is this right? Also, his bowels move five "5. times a day. Is this right? Does lime water check this, or what does?

He does not sleep much. "6. Also, what makes his urine smell like ammonia? REPLY.

Yes. Yes. 3. Yes, as to the crackers, but leave out the meat broth until the diarrhoea and ammonia urine symptoms disappear. No

No., You are overfeeding, probably feeding too much fat. Unti-you correct the diarrhoea and ammonia urine, give five feedings of milk a day-at two of these add cooked cereal. The milk should be 13 parts boiled milk and seven parts boiled water. Soon thereafter, give fruit juices. Before long, give four feedings of milk a day-two with cooked cereal, and one feeding of

mashed vegetables, toast and meat soup-five feedings a day, not counting the fruit juice. How to Raise Babics. E. S. J. writes: "Will you kindly advise me to whom I shall write to obtain information on the care of

infants? REPLY. Children's bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.; United States public health service; both at

State health department.

Root of High-Cost Living. Everybody wonders why he has pay so much more for everything buys. Because everybody on earth has to have an automobile and keep up the style that goes with it. The year 1922 is not 1912 .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Sizing Up Mr. Ford.

The conviction is growing that what Henry Ford does not know in regard to national monetary systems is only exceeded by what he really does know in the field of applied mechanics.—Springfield Union.

And No Engine. To a mere motorist Henry Ford's great financial idea looks like a plan to equip dollars with demount-able rims.—New York Heraid.

NEVER LEFT LOVE UNSAID.

We never left our love unsaid Fut always made it plain with speech. With words we cried it, each to each: Where only silences can reach We thought by words to touch and tread. With words our love was overspread. With words, with words our hearts were wed.

We never left our love unsaid. We never left it taks its way Unwatched and hid. Too little dread We had of love, of love's strange away. With words we watched our love decay. With words we mourned it, with words w

-Helen Hoyt in the New Republic.





What the farmer desires is value-not bulk.