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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.

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.

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.

The announcement of the coming of 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 already extensive enterprise, the fact is significant not only of the awakening of trade here, but of the recognition of that truth abroad.

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.

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 minority in opposing the bill.—From a Washington Dispatch.

Most 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.

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.

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.

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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.

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 outlined in the agenda.

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.

Europe's turn is next, and if the Genoa conference 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 disturbance 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.

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.

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.

Europe 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 Mower 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."

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 fact that the man suddenly awoke himself from a doze and remarked: "What gets me about that Napoleon story is how that man cut off his arm when his other arm was already off."

Sooner or later somebody is going to ask, regarding that story of the Reno man who died from imagination, by what means he 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.

That millionaire heiress who is to wed a Russian workman must love him truly. She has just advanced him \$100 to pay down on a second-hand fiver.

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 earthquake, but it occurred in Oregon.

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

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

Modern border warfare yields its spoils as did the border wars of old world countries in times long ago. In these prohibition days there is a state of perpetual warfare along the northern border of Vermont, as there is along the line between other states and Canada.

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 consigned eighty automobiles, said to be worth about \$80,000. One motor bicycle fell into the hands of the officers. Horses and wagons to the value of \$200 were taken.

Such is the story of the operations of a year along a short section of the Canadian border in the effort to make prohibition prohibitive. 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 liquor that was smuggled into Vermont despite the vigilance of the officers.

Prohibition is to prohibit 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 States. It would take an army to watch them all.

Why is it that crowds are dangerous in the pneumonia season?

He Is Overfed.
G. H. writes: "I am a young mother, also live out in the country and would like to know a few things about my 8-month-old boy."

How to Keep Well.
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The Bee's Letter Box
The Bee offers its columns freely to its readers who care to discuss public questions. It requests that letters be accompanied by return address, and that the editor be notified of their receipt. Letters will be returned to the sender if not published.

Careless Sale of Firearms.
Omaha, Jan. 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: On the same evening that the editorial on the carrying of firearms appeared in The Bee I had occasion to visit a pawn shop on North Sixteenth street.

Liberal Republican Club.
Omaha, Feb. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: There are, politically speaking, only two groups in any country, liberals and conservatives.

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Bathing Harmful to Animals in Winter
Milwaukee, Feb. 2.—Cats and dogs have declared an armistice in their eternal war upon each other, to fight a common enemy—distemper. An epidemic of distemper is sweeping through catdom and dogdom which is afflicting animals, both aristocratic and plebeian.

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