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- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement with a Brick Surface of Main Throughfares 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.

Chicago's Ponzis.

Another nest of swindling adventurers has been unearthed in Chicago, and another multitude of poor people find they have been cheated out of their savings by unscrupulous men. It is an oft-repeated story, yet one that never becomes so familiar telling but that it can be recounted. All that is needed is a glint of tongue, a good address, and a total disregard for truth or the rights of other people.

One of the most remarkable characters ever introduced to American fiction was that of a man who went about from community to community, setting in motion schemes by which he defrauded out of their means those who listened to his well told yarns. It is a peculiar commentary on the moral fiber of Americans that this character was so popular that his seditious adventures were carried through several series of "stories" in a magazine, and finally he was transferred to the stage and then to the screen, where millions apparently enjoyed seeing him succeed with his open dishonesty. Invented morality gets approbation from thoughtless persons, and prospers at the expense of the unwary.

Nebraskans contributed an enormous sum of real money to inflate the purses of adventurers during the cozy days of the boom. Victims of the stock salesmen will know better than anyone how the "back-of-the-yards" people in Chicago feel now, as they realize their millions of petty savings, accumulated by hard work and harder economy, are gone to make a holiday for a set of swindlers. No punishment devised by law will give back to these losers the hours of toil represented in those small sums of money which each contributed, nor will any amount of preaching be enough to restore the confidence now destroyed. Habits of industry and thrift are discouraged, when such things are possible.

The only sure remedy is to spread information among the lowly. Some effort has been made in this direction, but not enough. When they can be made to understand that they are risking all on another's man game, and with better than an even chance of losing all, they will hesitate. Teach them that legitimate business does not return the fabulous profits promised; that a safe investment at a low rate of interest is sounder than the "wildcat" and that slow accumulation is more certain to bring happiness, while sudden acquisition of wealth is for the few and not for the millions, and the door may be shut against the Ponzis. Yet the most general of all human failings is that of credulity.

Neither Turkey Nor Poland.

A young girl in New York, daughter of a Polish immigrant family, publicly offers herself in marriage to the man who will pay \$1,000 immediately to relieve the distress of her family. Her mother regrets the necessity, but says it is the only way. Both are wrong. Marriages are not so arranged or contracted in America. There may be buying and selling in matrimony, but it is carried on in a different fashion. In Poland, as in other European countries, the size of a girl's "dowry" is considered by her suitors, and the portionless maiden frequently is doomed to everlasting spinsterhood. Such a custom has never gained headway over here. Aspiring swains undoubtedly do give thought to the fact that the girl may bring with her something in the way of worldly wealth, but that is seldom a controlling factor. In America wedlock is founded on something more substantial and enduring than lucre.

Nor do Americans buy their wives, as savages or less civilized peoples are accustomed to doing. When this Polish family has been a little longer over here it will have learned how futile such an appeal as is now made, unless publicity alone is sought. Our habits provide other ways for giving succor to the needy, and no girl need sell herself to get food or clothing in this land.

Of the Making of Books.

Tell the American public that \$438 new books were issued last year, and it will hold up its hands in mock horror while secretly plotting itself on the notion that this indicates it is doing a vast amount of reading. Yet the corresponding figure for Great Britain is 8,757, and America's record is exceeded also by France, Germany, Sweden and Italy. In 1920 there were 10,078 new books issued in Germany. The total for all publications, including pamphlets and new editions of old authors in that country amounted to 32,345, as compared to a grand total of 8,329 in America. Sweden, which, however, counts all tracts and leaflets, in 1919 was credited with 32,613 publications, more than three times as many as America.

Perhaps we are not so omnivorous readers as

THE HUSKING BEE

It's Your Day
Start It With a Laugh
JUDGE WILLIS G. SEARS.
With philosophy old-fashioned.
Tinctured with uncommon sense.

Fair Play in Politics.

Reported differences of opinion among members of Nebraska's new progressive party are so welcome to Senator Hitchcock's newspaper that it bursts into joyous song to the extent of a full column of space upon its editorial page. It concludes its resume in this wise:
Here is the clarion voice of open rebellion. Here is a flaming resentment against a boss-ridden new party. Possibly it presages a new movement, a new defection, and the organization of a new party to fight not the two old parties, but the three-old parties.

Man Overboard!

A storm at sea swept a lifeboat from the deck of a steamer, and with it John Birker, a sailor who had been ordered to lash it down. There was an age in the American mercantile marine when the master of a ship might have gone brutally along his course with not more than a passing thought for the man tossing amid the waves. But for sixteen hours this captain cruised about an unrequented part of the Atlantic hoping to pick up John Birker. Swirling snow made the search impossible, but while putting into port the ship wireless an appeal to other vessels to keep watch for this solitary sailor.

One Resignation Well Timed.

A judge fit to fill his high office must be possessed of several peculiar qualifications. He must be impartial, dispassionate, upright, just, and courageous. Not every man is so fitted. The judge who has just resigned by telegraph down in Oklahoma seems not to have had the equipment essential to effective service on the bench.

Today's Idle Thought.

When a young man steals a kiss the girl can't help herself—but the young man can, and does.

Isn't It the Truth?

The women do the buying
For the household, without fuss,
They show without half trying
That they're efficient, plus;
But still it makes us cuss,
As through the bills we're wading
That monthly come to us.

Has Mr. Bryan Forgotten?

In a brief interview in Washington, William Jennings Bryan remarked that the prospects for the election of a democratic congress next fall are good. He thinks the revenue bill will hurt the republicans, but the first reason he gave for his hope of success was this:
Farmers are in a worse condition than they have been for thirty years. Laborers are dissatisfied because wages have been reduced quite generally, while the cost of living has not been reduced to the same extent. Business is not good generally. The country is not so prosperous as it was two years ago.

After-Thought.

It is the head of the family that foots the bills.

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, wherever addressed in care of this office. Dr. Evans will make a diagnosis and prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

On Heart Remedies.

Physicians do not give bread pills in this day and generation. The people are not so trusting, and a frank prescription of bread pills would result in the patient "renting another doctor," as our old friend Tom O'Malley would say. But the principle of bread pills is all right, as every doctor knows, and the fraternity has no intention to forsake it.

Philosophy.

It is all right to have something the matter with your head if it's gray matter. Before marriage a man calls a girl the light of his life; after marriage he kicks on the light bill.

Signs of Spring.

Our overcoat, which has been in service for several seasons, and is, therefore, to be relied upon, has begun to shed its buttons.

A Coming Chump.

Unwary friend: How's the baby these days? Food father: Say, you know that boy's just able to walk and he's an athlete right now!

Quick Work.

She deftly pinned upon his clothes
A rosebud fair,
He kissed her three times on the nose
And nussed her hair.

Boy, Page Mr. John J. Normalcy.

Thousands of hopeful and optimistic citizens—artists, farmers, and men of professional and business men, proprietors of moving picture shows, office boys, stenographers, strap-hangers, bootleggers and poets—have been looking forward eagerly to the time when these United States of America would settle back into the cushions, take a fresh grasp on the wheel, and steer a safe, sane, and conservative course into the realm of normalcy.

Mabel Of The Screen.

Omaha, Feb. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: (Has he either?) would be a name in public places of Omaha, as well as in the homes of Los Angeles, she would immediately be under arrest.

Hitchock's Banking Remedies.

Omaha, Feb. 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: We notice the World-Herald has a great deal to say about Senator Hitchcock's proposed "bank reform" bill. This is the same Senator Hitchcock who assured us we could have no more financial troubles under the Federal Reserve system. But despite Senator Hitchcock's promise and assurance we have our obligations, while the great nation is fairly bent asunder, brother arrayed against brother and husband aligned against mother-in-law, over the momentous and terrific question, i. e. and to wit: Shall Uncle Bim marry the Widow Zander?

President and Teamwork

From the Washington Star.
Chairman Adams of the republican national committee was one of those invited to the conference at the White House last night which had been called to consider the question of a program for Capitol Hill. He had been invited to a previous conference of the same kind.

A Bad Mental Habit.

F. K. writes: "When a person is nervous and irritable over his condition what would you advise?" "Kindly let me know through your column the name of this disease or symptom and what should be done to remedy it."
REPLY: "Taint no disease. It's a bad mental habit. The remedy is training into good mental habits."

State Highways.

Norfolk News: It is not customary to get complaining witnesses in the jury's box or on the judge's bench. Such a practice would not ordinarily be conducive to the ends of justice.

Winter is Just One Ton of Coal After Another.

There seems to be some disposition to remind our debtor nation that they might come here and settle.—Providence Tribune.

IF BACKACHEY OR KIDNEYS BOTHER

Eat less meat, also take glass of Salts before eating breakfast.
Uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish, ache, and feel like lumps of lead. This uric becomes cloudy; the bladder is irritated, and you may be obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night. When the kidneys clog you must help them flush off the body's urinous waste or you'll be a real sick person shortly.

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