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Move to Make Kentucky Dry.-Headline. Only the weather man can do that.

Just by way of admonition to auto speeders The Bee repeats, "Go slow!"

Villa may yet clear up the Benton case by explaining that the Briton was shot with noiseless powder.

The searchlight is to be turned on the radium lobby so that every one can see through it.

But does not the purchase of that lot at Sacramento put the unemployed in the vicious capitalist class?

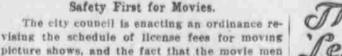
Now, let every sinner fall in line with this go-to-church project and be there on time next Sunday morning.

Poor old Johnny Bull, with the militants and Ulsterites pounding him from opposite sides, he must find life somewhat crotchety.

That Missour' judge who refused to believo that a plumber was bankrupt was exemplifying the show-me motto of his state in a very rational way.

The Social Service board essays to improve conditions in boarding houses, but it will hardly attempt an assault upon the boarding house hash and prune dessert.

tangible evidence that Rancher Benton was sumer. Thus it becomes, as was originally constabbed to death in a rough-and-tumble fight with the bandit, Villa, what are they going to do about it?



are taking it so complacently is proof that it is a revision for their benefit. We would not be disposed to complain seriously on that score, however, if joined to this concession were a few exactions in the direction of safety ospecially for the women and children who are the principal patrons of these shows.

It is notorious that many of the movies are in buildings constructed with no expectation of such use and that mighty few of them are housed in buildings that would pass all the tests that ought to be required. Knowing the extra hazardous fire risk, the possibilities of stampede, and the danger of darkened audience halls, greater precautions for safety are needed in the movies than with almost any other place of popular assemblage. Several frightful catastrophes have happened in other cities growing out of film explosions, and Omaha

should omit nothing to keep its record free. While fixing up the license fee for the movie men, therefore, the city council could very well add and enforce, a few more safety rules. A good, big and collectible bond as a prerequisite to the issue of a license, the bond running for the benefit of any one with a claim for damages based on violation of safety requirements. would probably be an effective antidote to carelessness and forgetfulness. It should not be necessary to wait until we have to pay the human-life cost of a movie panic or fire before we adopt preventive measures.

Amplifying Parcel Post.

Bearing in mind that the parcel post was designed as general and not class legislation and that it is being worked out along the broad, lines as a comprehensive utility, should dull the point of criticism and complaint urged by express companies, one of which has announced its plan of dissolution and retirement. The government by means of the parcel post has simply set to work a vast machinery of public service for the benefit of all, which all too long lay dormant. The progress and development have been rapid simply because of the overripe and insistent demand for the service and yet we have reason to believe the amplification has only begun.

At first for some reason thus far unexplained, the system did not apply to books, but does now. The book publisher, seller and lender may avail themselves of it. The lender and borrower, that it the patrons of the circulating libraries that merely let out instead of sell books, are perhaps the largest beneficiaries of this kind. The publisher, who under the old system, paid a flat rate on the book regardless of distance, now pays according to zones and may or may not appreciate the parcel post. Lut in general, the new arrangement minimizes the expense and difficulty of disseminating book lore and therefore renders the highest of service. Many people will now be reading books of the better character, who otherwise, if they had to buy them, might not. They can get them more freely this way from the libraries that

loan instead of sell books. Now, as signifying the all-sided character of the parcel post, it is to be made the connecting link between the farm and the consumer, affording facility for transporting the products of fording facility for transporting the products of should not be treated as a party ques-the farm direct to the home in the city and tion, it is purely and solely an American Now that Uncle Sam and Johnny Bull have town, mutually benefitting producer and con-



Reeping the Record Straight. SILVER CREEK, Neb., March 24 - To the Editor of The Bee: The plank in the last democratic platform exempting coastwise ships from canal tolls was emphasized during the campaign on the theory that it would prevent trans-continents. railroads from raising their freight rates. Democrats now state it would aid shipping corporations; further than try to impress voters of their honesty, by stating that the United States is violating its treaty with England. Democrats were either dishonest before election of are now. Dealing with students of undeveloped minds is different from dealing with developed minds. Voters have memories and they last even four years. A SUBSCRIBER.

Paving Experience of South Omaha SOUTH OMAHA, March 24 .- To the Editor of The Beet Im a recent issue of The Bee there was an article in the letter box under the head of "Call It a Case of Cold Feet." It was a letter written by Thomas S. Crocker and approved by George W. Hill in regard to selecting material for paving Forty-first street between Hamilton and Nicholas streets. When my neighbors in the spring of 1911 petitioned the city council to pave Thirtythird street from H to L streets several forcefull agents of the asphaltic-concrete trust in South Omaha presented samples. Many of my neighbors deceived by those samples signed up for asphaltic concrete I sympathize with those business freen in Omaha who got cold feet-"before than

after" the asphaltic concrete is put down. We people down here in South Omaha don't listen to the brickmen, neither have we to go to Des Moines. Lincoln or Denver to learn what nanhaltic concrete is. We are just looking over what should

be the best, for an example-was put down in front of the Stock Yards exchange in South Omaha for future samples, in the fall of 1910; repaired in fall of 1912 and a big patch repaired in summer of 1913; and now holes ready for a good patching during the summer.

Let me show you the mush I have saved up for investigation of this "asphaltic concrete." Our city engineer in 1911 not alone had to put down in his specification, but was toe and nail. "Asphaltic concrete" himself and our mayor and six of his councilmen in 1911 put their approval upon it, too, and saying it is all right "for our district No. 77. Only one onely councilman (myself) said my people dont want your stuff ... The (proper) language I used was termed for an in vestigation, the mayor and six councilmen sitting as judge and jury. Laden with forty pounds of mush from Twentyfirst to I streets, I appeared before this

honorable body and worked this asphaltic concrete to powder with my fingers before their eyes. Bricks we want in our district No. 77 and as I struck the brick it rang out like a bell from the church tower. AUGUST MILLER. 607 North Thirty-third Street.

Whither Are We Drifting? OMAHA, March 24 .- To the Editor of The Bee. Of the numerous communications that have appeared in your paper from the time of President Wilson's last message to the congress of the United States on the repeal of the canal tolls provision of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

not one have I read treating upon this very important subject. This is not and question, a question of patriotism that should appeal to every loyal American, in

How They Fall for It in Canada

William J. Burns, the noted graft detective, has just made a big haul of crooks in the Quebec legislature. In the current Harper's Weekly he tells how it was done, and from his story these extracts are taken.

"We have just driven a coach-and-four tbrough the Quebec legislature-both houses. They still lie tumbled in disarray, and it will be several months before they pick themselves together.

> "The first problem was to reach out gradually so that no suspicion should be aroused. Legislative graft in Canada is worked through lawyers. Here in this country a girl holds up a prominent citizen, not by white slavery and blackmail direct, but by going to a lawyer-and then it is all legal., So in Canada, you pay a retainer to a lawyer, and that lawyer is the partner of a legislator. That makes it safe and pleasant."

"My clients had understood that Canadian politics vere rotten. They had been told that the legislators were for sale cheap, that you could get any kind of a bill through. So we started to see. We worked up the worst sort of bill-a bill for a Montreal Fair association. That bill gave us the right to do anything short of murder. We had liquor rights, special police horse racing, every kind of grafting privilege. It was a bill that let us own one section of the town for every kind of illicit activity. It was as raw a bill as you could think up. Here is what happened:

'We organized the supposed promoters of this fair into a firm of the name of 'D. H. Martin Co.' The firm took elaborate offices in the Duluth building. Montreal, The man at the head of this fake firm was one of our best men, Guy B. Biddinger,

But coming from the outside world, we couldn't hit the high lights too suddenly, or they'd worry, so we picked up Montreal's prize "fixer." He brought us in touch with a lawyer. The laywer was the right man, and he did a thorough job for us. We gave him \$500 and \$1,067.07, and those checks are in evidence. He said our man in the Lower House was J. O. Mousseau, member of the legislative assembly, chairman of the private bills committee. Through his hands, on his recommendation, all bills went. His say was final.

"Mousseau met us in room 359 of the Chateau Frontenac. On December 16, at 9:35 a. m., we paid him \$1,150 for members of the lower house. He showed us a list of eleven men whom he was buying. We gave him \$1,000 for himself. First and last, we paid him \$3,650. He said it would take only three weeks to get the bill all the way through. The \$1,150 was for the members of the private bills committee. The members of the house vote as the committee recommends. The bill was called "An Act to Incorporate the Montreal Fair Association of Canada." It was bad all the way through-a series of special privileges for the benefit of gambling. It left the incorporatorsfree to do anything they pleased from waterworks to liquor license. It was No. 158 of the assembly bills. 'For the Upper House, Mousseau highly recom

ended Louis Philippe Berard. He said of Berard: I think in him we will secure the best member of the Upper House. Mr. Berard is in the Montreal ring. All the men in Quebec live off the government.

"Berard is a member of the law firm to which. Prime Minister Gouin belong. Both Berard and the premier were poor men a few years ago, and today are millionaires. Berard presented the petition for the bill in the upper house. Five hundred dollars was paid to Berard. Another member of the Upper House, Achille Bergevin, received \$200 and \$150, Bergevin's \$200 was referred to as 'cigar money.

Bergevin and de Varennes, chairman of the private bills committee of the Upper House, called for our men on the last great day and took them in a sleigh to the House. De Varennes said that the bill was going through all right. Our dummy promoters were taken in as honored guests upon the floor of the legislative council to see the bill unanimously approved. Then Bergevin took them around to the clerk's office, seured a copy of the bill as passed, and autographed

"So you were at the ball last night, ch." Then you must have danced with Miss Fairleigh."

She has a complexion like Dresden

"I guess I must be really getting fa- She opened wide a spoiless, unmarked

"No: but a tobacco concern wants my pleture to use in an advertisement.-Cin-cinnati Enquirer.

"I read everything you write," she said when she had succeeded in getting the pale-faced poet into a corner where no-body would overhear them.

"I suppose it runs in my family, Both my father and my grandfather were fear-less soldiers."-Boston Transcript. Who only play one table." The vision

"Before I consent to your engagement, with my daughter, I must be sure that you are a good business man. Supposing

On. on?" cried the rebel Mexican lender, excitedly. "Where on?" skeed his loyal troops. "Where on?" skeed his loyal troops. "Where on?" shouted the leader. "Cas ramba? Torreon. —Baltimore American. "I suppose your admiring friend" "I hope not ment to when the friend" "I hope not ment to ment t "I suppose your admiring friends will raise a monument to you some time?" "I hope not," replied Senator Sorghum, "I'd rather have 'em take the subscrip-tions right now and turn 'em into a cam-paign fund."-Washington Star, Mrs. Ben Adam (may her tribe not pout) Awoke one night from dreams of grow-

And as she lay, frightened and sorely troubled. Feeling her chin to see that 'twas not

"Why are you so sure about it?" "I may her going into the chiropodist's this morning."-Philadeiphia Ledger. A vision, sweetly gowned and quite wellbred. A book she rested on her tight-clad knee, And at it she was staring patiently. In wonder, then, the awakened lady said: "Why are you here?" The vision raised her head "To get the names," she answered, "I was sent. Of all the women who abandon bridge to

'She has a completion the china in 'Yes, and it is like Dresden china in another way.' 'What is that?' 'If she's not careful with it, it will crack.''-Lousville Courier-Journal.

Of all the women who abandon bridge in

ook. "Not one have 1 yet found," and added,

"So the critics speak well of your new novel?" but a tobacco concern wants my "Don't write me down!" quick cried out

Mrs Ben; For if one stops for forty days, why, One's place is lost in her swift social rush. And then one has to stay outside. But,

"It is very brave of you to do that," he replied. She whispered: "Write me down with

And.

with a weary sigh, she shook her head-'No book would hold the names of those." she said.



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For the \$7,000,000 invested in the water plant Omaha could have bought the gas works and the electric lighting plant and had the million dollars wanted for the parks, and then some. But what's the use?

The establishment of a district exempt from the 8 o'clock lid law is advocated by Commissioner Kugel in charge of the police department in a current topic talk. We fear, however, the suggestion would not be quite so cordially received if he told it to the legislature.

Snowed in Kansas Wednesday. Wonder anybody's left there when California is what she is .-. San Franvisco Call.

But the snow makes millions for the wneat and live stock growers, and besides it is not Kansas and adjacent states where we find fordes of unemployed these days, either.

The state fire commissioner gives vent to the suspicion that at least a dozen fires recently reported from Omaha are of incendiary origin. Well, what have we a state fire commissioner and a city fire warden for? If there is an arson trust here, or even a single firebug, why not go to it, and smoke 'em out?

And now our local democratic oracle explains that the prevailing business depression is due to "a state of mind." That's an admission that there is business depression, and the only thing lacking is recognition of some connection between the "state of mind" and a democratic administration in control of our government.



CHAILED FROM BEE FILES

The city council held a lengthy session, confirming appointments for election officers and appraising boards. Samuel J. Hahn, Dennis Cunningham and Ed Ainscow were named to assess damages for opening Phil Sheridan street and Widening Plum street. Horace Jones and William Stevens were named to assess damages for Nicholas street and A. L. Sirang. Thomas Swobe and J. C. Kennedy will assess damages for widening Farnam streets west to the city

The democratic city primaries went through as per program, except that in the First ward George Duncan beat Felix Slavin and in the Third Pat Ford won out.

In an exciting polo contest a team from Blair beat the Omaha contestants at the roller skating rink. D. W. Van Cott was referee and Messra. Morford and Daniels judges. Omaha was represented by Messra McKcon, Canfield, Hitchcock, Helphrey, Gratton and Rubidoux.

More rais and oceans of the finest mud in America. Chief Clerk Griffin of the railway mail service will soon commence sending mail through from this city to Denver via the Burlington. This, with the mail sent out on the Union Pacific, at noon, will give two trains daily for Colorado mail.

A resolution offered by Councilman Kauffman sims to involve this city in buying seven copies of the city directory for the use of city officials.

templated, the servant alike of the physical and intellectual wants, and that, too, at smaller cost institutions of our country. Yet what a of both time and money. Yet the advantages in facility will, it is designed, more than compensate the producer in both instances for any incidental depreciation of selling price.

Peril of Bureaucracy.

Among the provisions of the administration's trade commission bill is the following: Any person who shall make public any information obtained by the commission without its authority shall be deemed guilty of misdeameanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or by imprisonment not, exceeding one year, or by fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

While, of course, the commission must carefully guard confidential information secured on pledge of secrecy pertaining to private business, it is, nevertheless, questionable whether such sweeping power for suppressing publicity should be accorded. It might invite bureaucratic interference and dictation, the very suggestion of which is abhorrent to our democratic sense of safety and propriety.

It does not quite appear why powers should be given this particular commission, which are not enjoyed by any other agency within the government. Indeed, this is the one department of all, it would seem from its own character, that should renounce such arbitrary claims, for the very reason that the basic principle on which the commission proposes to operate is publicity. Simmered down to its essence there is little to it but publicity. Its final achievements, at any rate, according to the official prospectus sent out, are to depend on the co-operation of the newspapers in turning on the limelight of publicity.

No one could rightly complain if the law merely provided penalties for any members or attaches of the commission who broke faith and divulged confidential information. Surely such a law would be more in line with the popular attitude and give the commission all the authority it ought to have.

Shall Nebraska Take Part at San Francisco !

Shall Nebraska participate in the Panama exposition at San Francisco? The failure of the last legislature to appropriate any money or make provision for an exhibit has left this question still open, but it cannot remain open much longer. Governor Morehead has appointed an unofficial commission made up of representatives of all sections of the state to consider the matter with a view to finding, if possible, the necessary support for a creditable participation. It goes without saying that if some feasible plan could be worked out to save Nebraska from being among the missing it would give our state a prestige well worth the effort.

Agitation is starting early to incite the next Nebraska legislature to call a constitutional convention. It was supposed that the initiative and referendum cleared the track for amending the constitution without the aid or consent of any legislature or convention. But presumably it is too slow for those who want a new constitutional garment cut out of different cloth according to a more modiah pattern.

next to that of declaration of war against the settled spirit of indifference seems to actuate the average American upon a question, the solution of which means the maintenance or the lowering of the dignity of this nation.

President Wilson's reasons for repealing the canal tells provision cannot prove satinfactory to the American public, When John Hay negotiated with England the treaty regarding the Panama canal, and the words were inserted that all nations should be treated alike in the matter of paying tolls for ships passing through, it was not intended that the owner of the canal, the United States, should be included in the term "all nations." and not allowed to pass its own ships free of charge.

The clause merely meant that the United States would not discriminate as between its customers-the other nations. It did not yield its right to use its own property as it saw fit, and it was so understood by all nations, as well as the United States senate, who ratified, and our president, who approved of it. It was never disputed, nor is it now disputed by any other nation than England, and not by it until we had, at our own expense, completed the canal. Later the railroad interest began an agitation. claiming that the United States must pay tolls the same as ships of foreign nations, yet it did not yield its right to use its own property as it saw fit. It is, natural that the railroads should prefer this construction, as by increasing the cost of water transportation the competition with the railroads would be lessened.

This agitation probably never would have taken place were it not that the Canadian Pacific railroad induced the British government to take it up. Imnediately the Brifish government, true to its natural instinct of commercial piracy. favored the proposition, as it would enable its ships more successfully to compete with the ships of the United States in carrying freight through the canal. Our government refused to put that construction on the treaty, and justly claimed that it had a right to use its own property without charging itself for so doing. The reasons given by the president for his actions are, that by repealing that part of the treaty we will gain the good will and assistance of England in handling the Mexican situation, and also overcome any ill will on the part of Japan by reason of the California land law. This would amount to a compromise with England and Japan on questions relating exclustvely to affairs in the western hemisphere. This, indeed, is conceding to them a very important item, in order to gain their good will in handling two other matters. Would James Monroe. Grover Cleveland or James G. Blaine have made any such concessions? Compromise in the interest of peace is always to be desired, but it is doubtful whether this compromise will not in the end provoke more trouble than to take a firm position on the law as it now stands. If this provision is repealed, it is certainly a triumph for English diplomacy, when we are charged for our own ships for passing through our own canal, not because we want to, but because England says we must. Let the Angle-manines call this Jingolam if they will, but the true American must agree with me when I give this alarm: "Whither are we drifting?

ED F. MOREARTY.

It was January 16 of this year at 3:30 p. m., that the legislative council of the legislature of Quebec enacted assembly bill No. 158. This measure, a law of the Province of Quebec, authorizes the promoters to run wildcat, to organize and control every sort of exhibition, to keep places of amusement, conduct race courses, run a private police force,

"The price set for the passage was \$9,500. Members of the legislature received \$4.850. Four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars is still owed.

"The Canadian legislators have been money-crazy. They have forced this habit of taking money for cor rapt bills. They haven't had investigations. graft system has just been taken for granted. Now the people are determined to follow out our policy of frankness and make a clean-up. Canada has been slient on this policy of wholesale widespread graft, while we've told al ithe world about our bits of cor ruption. So our frankness has made us look like worse grafters, than the silent, effective Canadian way of looting the people. The situation had gone on undisturbed so many years that they had never suspected a plant. They were easy to reach You just started in and aimed for your man and got him.

People and Events

Competition among French aviators has brought passenger rates down to \$2.50 per flight, which allows no rake-off for funeral expenses.

Champion Gould of the tennis world is a grandson of Jay Gould, who will be remembered as quite a champion sport at a different game.

According to ministerial figures it costs an average of \$67.68 to convert a New York sinner. Toboggans are so plentiful, however, that much of the investment is wasted.

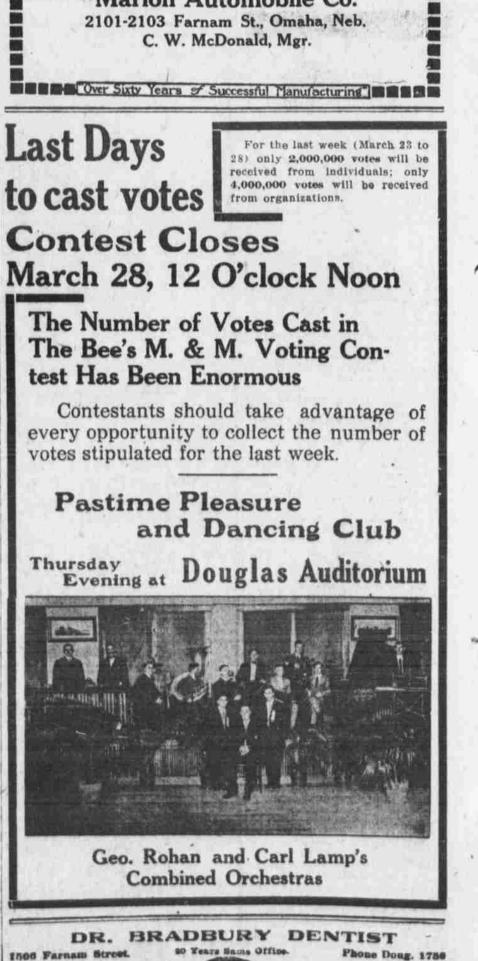
Mathias Constante, a Greek living in Hammond, Ind., received news from Greece that he had fallen heir to a \$7,000,000 estate. He immediately hired five friends of his at a salary of \$5.000 a year to help him spend his income and started for home with the intention of having a very good time on the way

Although 54 years old, Mrs. Christian Schwarz of Hillsdale, Mich., does her own housework. The hushand has been dead for thirty-one years, and Mrs Schwarz keeps house for her son, Gotlieb, aged 68, and enjoys almost as good health as he. She has four children, thirteen grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria, who promises to visit the United States in May next, is a charming person and will be cuite "at home" among the uncrowned queens of this country. As assistant manager of a kingdom a little more than half the size of Nebraska she is assured of royal hospitality and an abundance of suggestions on managing affairs in the 'effete east.

Christine Ladd Franklin of New York City has begun a crusade against what she calls the indecent advertising of women's underwear. She says that the world has been brought to its present state of elevation above the brute by the hardest kind of work on the part of the women, and she wants them to fight every effort to lower the standard. She asks women, whether organized or not, to protest to the firms in the towns in which they live against such illustrations.

Lord Halsbury, who heads the committee of five nobles who are to investigate Lord Murray and the Marconi scandal, is 89 years old, and sixty-four years ago, as Mr. Giffard, he eloquently defended Governor Eyre, who was on trial for cruelty in Jamaica. When he burst into tears the court sugested that if he could not pull himself together they had better go to lunch. Once in Wales he was arguing like a patriotic native when the judge observed. "Come, you cannot make yourself out to be Welsh." "Perhaps not, m' lud," admitted Giffard, but he added that he had made a good deal of money out of Weishmen. "Ah, I ase," said the judicial humorist, "a Weishman by traction." Giffard won much celebrity in defending the Tichborne claimant.



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