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#### FARM BLOC AND THE PARTY.

Washington seems to have discovered that the farm bloc program is not so very different from the policy of the administration, after all. When we get down to fundamentals, we discover that it was the opposition that sought to make it appear that the president and his advisers were opposing everything that would benefit the farmers, and that the so-called "agrarian" group in congress had nothing to hope for, save as it could secure aid from the democrats.

The proof of the pudding still is in the eating, and this has disclosed that ample support for the farm bloc program has been forthcoming from republican sources, and that at no point has the president interposed to thwart the efforts to secure legislation that would be of benefit to agriculture in all

A difference of opinion as to control of the Federal Reserve Board was settled by the enactment of a law, which the president gave approval, providing for the appointment of a "dirt" farmer as a member of the governing body of the federal banking system; the restoration of the War Finance corporation, to meet a great crisis in agriculture, was aided by the president; the Fordney emergency tariff law was continued for the farmers' benefit, and in other ways the administration has sought to assist the tillers of the

Disagreement as to policy has arisen from time to time between groups in the congress, but these have not at any time been expressions of the administration. The farm bloc is composed almost wholly of progressive republicans, whose influence has not at any time been challenged, nor has the loyalty to the party of any of the members been questioned. The fact that they are able to meet with the president and act with the party is disappointing only to the democrats, who hoped to profit by a serious division in republican ranks.

### DAWES ADVANCES NEW IDEA.

The promise of economy in government has been met by President Harding. The fiscal year just ending shows not only a billion and a half dollars less revenue collected than in the previous year, but a surplus of \$335,759,000.

There is enough credit due this achievement to be divided among the entire republican administration, but the country will not forget that it was through Charles G. Dawes and the businesslike methods he installed as budget director that a great deal of the saving was made possible. His was no easy task, for in cutting down the expenses of the government bureaus he came in conflict with ways and methods which seemed hallowed by tradition to the

bureaucrats. "What," they asked, "doesn't this westerner know that it has always cost more to run a government office than a private business?" That feeling perhaps has been one of the reasons for the heavy expenses of government, from the nation down to the school district and township. It is one of the bromides that may safely be expressed in almost any company and escape contradiction. Experience has seemed to indicate its truth, and no doubt the politicians themselves have had their part in spreading the opinion.

Then came Dawes. After having demonstrated how the costs of government could be reduced without stinting any needed activity he announces a conclusion that is little short of revolutionary. It is this: The government not only can be run as economically as a private business, but more economically than a private business.

This statement requires amplification, of course, but once the public can dispel that peculiar disrespect for government which regards it as necessarily wasteful, some remarkable changes in the conduct of public affairs may be expected.

# PAINFUL DUTIES OF POSTERITY.

Omaha's interest bill on its bonded indebtedness amounts to nearly \$1,500,000 a year, according to the city comptroller. Herein is to be found one reason for high taxes.

Increasing the bond redemption and sinking funds is recommended as necessary to check this heavy drain. Too many bond issues have been allowed to run without adequate provision for gradually accumulating the funds with which to pay them off. Refunding can only stave off the inevitable day of payment and pile up the interest burden.

The only sort of bonds that should be issued by any branch of the government is serial bonds, part to be paid off in ten years, and the rest at intervals thereafter. This thing of sharing the responsibilities of public improvements with posterity is very nice in theory and often justifiable in fact, but it can be overdone. You see, each generation represents the posterity of the preceding one-and Douglas county has been paying interest on bonds issued fifty years

# THE NATIONAL ROAD PROGRAM.

The signature of President Harding has authorized the appropriation of \$190,000,000 for good roads for a three-year period beginning July 1. This amount is to be spread over 25,000 miles, making a

total of 71,000 miles of federal aid highways. The magnitude of the project is glimpsed in the statement that this is considerable less than half the ultimate mileage. Federal and state engineers are mapping out a system to comprise 180,000 miles of thoroughfare enough to belt the world seven times. The new highway act requires that all federal aid shall be spent on a connected system of highways consisting of not more than 7 per cent of the road mileage in each state. These traffic ways are to consist of interstate or primary roads and intercounty or sec-

ondary roads. Funds to match the appropriation from the national treasury must be put up by each state desiring | murder settles no great issue.

anticipated, with reasonable grades and curves, and that the state keep up repairs.

There are some citizens who disapprove of this system of matching dollars, even in such a good cause as better highways. Others object to so much co-ordination. However, it must be admitted that until the method of federal aid was evolved, good rural roads were rare, and that Nebraska, in common with many other states, now has many miles | Rev. A. Bellwald. of smooth roadways, the need for which is constantly

# VACATION SCHOOL WITH A PURPOSE.

An Omaha minister is proceeding in a practical way to help the boys and girls in the vicinity of his church to spend their vacation in a way that ought to be both helpful and pleasant. He has organized a summer Bible school, so-called, but with just a little broader scope than the name indicates.

His purpose is to teach the fundamentals of the Bible, not in a sectarian or denominational sense, but as a revelation of the divine plan. Along with this instruction is to go teachings in citizenship, in the obligations of patriotism, and in the relations of one to another and of all to the social group. Specially trained instructors will give the youngsters training in these essential lines each day for the next six weeks. And the work is strictly undenominational.

A little thought will show how attractive this idea is. Only three hours a day are required of the child's time, but these three hours are filled in in such a way as to actually supplement the vacation period. The occupation is enough to break into what may become a monotony of idle moments, providing just enough of variation to add zest to the play that may otherwise fill in the daylight hours, and so give a little of direction to the vacation program. It is not essentially a vacation school, yet it does afford the balance that is lacking in the absence of some

"Vacation schools" as such are not always popular, yet a strong support has developed for them, because of the need for employment to help the child pass hours that are apt to hang heavily in a city. Some agreeable work every day is beneficial, and the summer Bible school is providing that for a few at least of the city's thousands of children now temporarily out of employment.

#### HUMANIZING CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

Applicants for positions under the government will no longer be submitted to the terror of "high school education or its equivalent." This frequently has set up a bar to those whose qualifications otherwise were eminent for the place they sought. In the classified list are many jobs where good plain horse sense counts 100 per cent, and anything else is a

The Civil Service commissioners have come to realize this, and are now preparing a new formula for examination, which will take into consideration something besides the school training the applicant may have had. No intention of depreciating school advantages is entertained by the commission, which proposes to keep the mental requirements high, but it is realized that a great many have not had the opportunity of absorbing the knowledge that is not held to be necessary for acceptance by the goverment, and yet are fully equipped to do the work that is expected from them. In order to get around this tests will be devised to include practical working knowledge of the duties and responsibility involved in the position sought, as well as the only truly human asset of good sense, the training that is gained in the school of experience coming in for its true weight in

making up the list. Such a change will doubtless be found helpful in many ways, for it will scarcely seriously lower the and it will open the door to many who are not now permitted to enter because of inability to pass the "high school" grade.

# ALONG ANY HIGHWAY NOW.

Wonder is sometimes voiced as to the facility with which persons not provided with ample means get from point to point with apparent facility. A story from Princeton may illustrate and explain the mystery. Students who had expended their allowance did not permit their impecuniosity to prevent their starting for home, confident of reaching there with little or no inconvenience. They depend on "lifts" given by friendly autoists.

Students who have practiced the "art" have made an interesting study and find that on a fair day one car in five will stop to pick up a respectable appearing person along the roadside. On bad days the average will run as low as one to eight or ten, while at night it is impossible to get a ride. A trip from New York to Chicago may be made in six days by this method.

What is true there is true here, and the hospitality of the automobile is making itself felt in all parts of the country. It is a fine exemplification of one of the better traits of humanity, the impulse to give a man a lift, to share with him a benefit. That the generosity of drivers has been abused by a group of undesirables is not enough to check it. The practice seems to be part of the destiny of the machine. and surely it is one of the pleasant features of American roads.

"There is no greater influence for community good in the American small town than the town band," Secretary of Labor Davis declares. What gives his statement more weight is that he used to play the clarinet in the village band at Sharon, Pa. And President Harding was in the home band at

The apportionment of Nebraska for federal aid road construction for the coming year is \$1,054,126. Iowa gets \$1,401,915 and Kansas about the same. This is a lot of money, but there are a lot of bad roads to be fixed.

Carter Harrison is back in Chicago after more than a year's tour of the world. Perhaps he is feeling fit enough to run for mayor again against

One of the new British peers is being objected o as a profiteer. But why not give them all titles so they may be distinguished from ordinary honest

Illinois dealt vigorously enough with the rioters at East St. Louis; what is she going to do about Williams county?

France proposes to punish stay-at-home voters. They usually get enough by contemplating the elec-

One of the reasons why a little learning is dangerous is that it makes you want more.

One thing Americans are unanimous on is that

# -The Bee's-LETTER BOX

Christian Science Correction. Omaha, June 28 .- To the Editor

Science and the Catholic Faith," by Like others who begin and con-tinue with a negative thought, this

said favorably is false.
The author of this book mistakenecultism, psychology, New Thought, Unity, etc., and then quotes profuse-ly from Mrs. Eddy's writings in such a manner as to prove, within printers and bookbinders who put his own book, that Christian Science them together, no one will make 5 own book, that Christian Science them together, no one will make 5 actually dissimilar to those cents out of them . theories. Mrs. Eddy understood But the expensive memoirs will Christian Science, and from whence feed curiosity; the 1,200 Bibles will she obtained it, and well knew how feed souls. record the facts about it by word and demonstration. She has made tively the well known and awasome perfectly clear the distinction be- "million dollar deal" may not mean tween the action of divine Mind. very much after all. God, as reflected by the spiritually purified consciousness, and the so called action of the human mind as expressed in will power, mesmerism,

suggestion, and so on. ere is ample evidence to show markable spiritual attainments, and Scout, has developed into an all-was in all respects qualified to re-round useful man," and gives a ceive this revelation from God. The sketch of the party's adventures that effects of this revelation on the lives will make whole nations of youngof hundreds of thousands of indi-viduals is sufficient proof of whether of sending Marr with three men the religion is Christlike, and of ashore on Elephant Island, near the whether spiritual healing is possible edge of the Antarctic continent, "to now in accord with Jesus' words, get some more blubber and also "He that believeth on me, the works some more meat." This meant shoot-

rediting reality only to God and eruption near Clerk's Rocks; of a that which is Godlike. Perhaps this storm so great that one man was s not the orthodox theory, but it flung through the side of the bridge tian Science is wrong.

The effort is made to show that Mrs. Eddy obtained Christian Science Quimby's writings were available at and history in winter and the time, but were not submitted by or run errands in summer, to gnash his heirs as evidence. His writings his teeth in despair and wonder why his heirs as evidence. His writings his teeth in despair and wonder why have recently been published in book heaven permits such inequalities of

If Christian Science is declining. as our critic avers, then why this exhaustive 'nvestigation and ment? Certain litigation at Boston, between officials of the mother church and appointees, is alluded to as indicative of internal dissen-sion, and mention is made of a report of a master in chancery, which entered it was unfavorable to the directors of father's praithe mother church. The vast majority of Christian Scientists remain-ed loyal to this board of directors, and the supreme judicial court of the state of Massachusetts subsequently unanimously sustained the board. The Christian Science movement has thus again withstood attacks which would have been dis-astrous had it not been securely rounded in Christ, and it is now, by overcoming of through divine Love and obedience to God, more firmly established than at any previous time. LESTER B. McCOUN.

Christian Science Committe on Publication for Nebraska.

Saving Grace of Good Humor. Omaha, June 25 .- To the Editor of The Bee: A sense of humor is wonderful thing. An Omaha youth had just been married to "the most A friend with a big automobile of-fered to take the happy pair and some friends on a "celebration joy-

ride." They sang and laughed as they drove up and down Farnam Officers looked askance at their antics. They were arrested. The bride and groom were separated. They failed to get bond. They spent two nights away from each

other at the jail.

When they met in court the motorist was fined for reckless driving, and the nthe judge, as is his wont, asked the bridegroom if he had anything to say.

Instead of the surly reply which

is so often the answer of prisoners who feel themselves outraged by the law, this Omaha youth, his soul still singing, replied to the magistrate

"Well, judge, we were celebrating just a bit. But if we had had tin cans and signs and old shoes dangling f romthe car I suppose it would ave been all right." His smile, his cheerfulness, his

friendly banter, saved a difficult situation and secured freedom for himself, for his blushing bride and for other members of the bridal

If more of us could meet our vicissitudes and trials with a smile as this patient bridegroom did, how much easier would seem the daily tasks of life. L. D. MENZ.

Too Much Land Cultivated. Omaha, June 26 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I notice some of our representatives in Washington are trying to interest the government in a large irrigation project to put more land into cultivation. It brought to my mind the propaganda that was scattered broadcast last fall and winter, trying to have the farmers cut down production, and it was taken very seriously until the re-markable advance in grain in February and March. Secretary Wal-lace ran up the "S. O. S." signal and asked the voters to write to their congressmen and ask them to vote against just some such a scheme as is brewing in western Nebraska, and well said that it was an inopportune time for the government to put more land in cultivation when the markets were glutted and the farmers selling their produce far below cost. Presi-dent Harding in a speech in the west deplored the condition of the farm-ers, because they had to take so much less for their crops than they

would have done if they had raised a great deal less. a great deal less.

Some brainy man in the western
part of the state went into a "brainstorm" and abused the secretary with ridicule and sarcasm because he would suggest that the farmers use a little common sense and take a lesson from all successful "business," and frown upon the government going into competition with them. The government through the war used every inducement in its power except force to get the farmer to produce more, and still more. thereby causing millions of acres of land to be put into cultivation that might better have been left for grazng, and now the same old bugaboo. overproduction, stares the farmer in the face. The poets may sing "back to the farm," but they can sing until they are black in the face and they won't get anywhere with the young man that don't need naturalization papers! GEORGE COWLES,

4018 North Twenty-sixth Street.

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# What Editors Elsewhere Are Saying

Two deals in books are reported syndicate of the former German when he sailed for the Arctic

commentator proceeds on the propo-sition that almost anything the op-curious to know what the kalser has ponents of Christian Science may to say about himself. Newspapers have written against Mrs. Eddy and will find it good business to pay well the religion she founded is true, and to satisfy this demand.

The Ghost of Empire.

H. M. Tomiliseon in Harper's Magazine.

We realize that the religion to the control of the contr almost everything Mrs. Eddy The memoirs her followers have written or million times. The memoirs will be printed many They will be read

with keen interest. The author of this book mistaken. The second deal in books is the undertakes to relate Christian shipment of 1,200 Bibles to Ocean mesmerism, Island, in the midwestern Pacific, No royalty to pay on those books. Nobody will make a quarter of a million out of them. Except the

When you look at things compara-

#### The Boy's Narrowing World.

Commander Wild, head of the Shackleton expedition, writes to the that Mrs, Eddy was possessed of re- London Times that "Marr, the Boy that I do shall he do also;" also, ing sea etephants, Weddell seals and 'Ye shall know them by their fruits." wild fowl. He tells of running It is true Christian Science denies among penguin-covered icebergs and through pack ice; of a volcano in not thereby follow that Chris-Science is wrong.

e effort is made to show that
Eddy obtained Christian Science with engines shut off: of waters Mrs. Eddy obtained Christian Science from Dr. P. P. Quimby. This was also attempted in 1883 in the United playing football on the floes. It is enough to cause an ordinary redblooded boy, who must study algebra fortune. If asked to state which person, in modern times, has reached the summit of human felicity. ways claimed they would, as a direct denial of the contention that his system is at all similar to Christian sters the world over would answer, down to Virginia and disguisters the world over would answer.

Two generations ago boys had a ed Stonewall Jackson to advance chance to be midshipmen or cabin down the plank road at the battle boys, or at least pilot cubs on the of Chancellorsville. Then he hur-'Marr, the Boy Scout!' Mississippi, but now any one who ried over to the plank road, hid be-runs away to sea faces the truant hind a log, and fired the fatal shot runs away to sea faces the truant officer. Once, as all boys' books at General Jackson when the latter authentically relate, there was a wild west, and youths in thousands entered it annually with their father's prairie schooners or as companions to hunters, or as full-fledged. Indian fighters. What is needed in this modern environment, which so storply restrains hove is a concerted. sternly restrains boys, is a concerted into the box where he was supposed

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movement for self-expression. Every exploring expedition ought to have its compulsory quota of Boy Scouts. There ought to be several on Mount of The Bee: Referring to The Bee's in the day's news. The first tells of Everest right now. Amundsen the purchase by a wealthy American when he sailed for the Arctic. More kaiser's memoirs for a sum close to use ought to have been made of them a quarter of a million dollars.

The syndicate will probably find is a sharp reminder to the juvenile world of its grievances.

We realize that the foundations of the British empire have collapsed. It was past its time, and it has gone It is on the maps, it is in our forthose newspapers which are chiefly reported abroad, but it is only a remantic shost haunting the battle-ments of a ruin. Our commercia Our commercial greatness, nicely adjusted on an extomers do not want), a staple export supporting the tonnage of our para-But the expensive memoirs will mount mercantile marine, has gone with it. It was not the war, but Europe; and the infatuated English electors who really believed in November, 1918, that important British statesmen meant what they said about hanging the kaiser, are now aware that it is they wno have been

We are beginning to see that It is shaft is fractured, and it is fairly on the rocks. The king is on the throne, parliament sits and goes on with the next chapter in the serial story where it was left in 1914, and the Stock exchange maintains the familiar silk hat and dainty quota-tions. Nevertheless, the old sanctions for our society have dissolved, just now is doubly and we know it; and we know, too, one but several civil that we must seek new and finer sanctions. That will take at least a generation, for the liquidation of an empire, and its reassembling as a protection which has been deemed ommonwealth, is not to be accomplished like the construction of a like the empire, on nothing more that it could quickly throw troops tangible than some images in the into China in the event of an emer-

### Accusing Lincoln.

Miss Mildred Rutherford, described by the Confederate Veterans' associaion as that "great-hearted southern is out with a new history down to Virginia and disguising him-self as Robert E. Lee he instruct-

to be sitting. Then he hurried back indication. There is no centralized box and committed suicide, kovernment, no sense thereby throwing much obloquy on it all. Mildred, dearie; get it all!

#### Foreign Soldiers in China

concrete proof of Japan's sincerity foreign interests. policy. It seems only fair that if all Japanese troops are removed the troops of other nations should be Front the Cleveland Plain-Dealer. withdrawn

ent from the position of the other bringing an end to workhouse sen-nations. Japan has until very re-tences for speeders there has been cently pursued an aggressively im- a marked let-down on the part of perialistic course. It has, of course, drivers. There has come with that been no more blameworthy than let-down an increase in serious traf-England, France, Germany and fic accidents. The automobile toll Russia have been in the past, but the during the last few days has assumworld war put a definite end to ed proportions that have again be-European aggression in the far east Japan alone has continued to follow. If speeders are not to be sent to desire to make the most of the op-portunities created by the war. The new Japanese policy, of which Tomasaburo Kato has been the fore-most proponent, has been based on hanging over their heads if they are recalling of Japanese armies from !

the Japanese suggestion. Never before in recent years have Chinese affairs been so unsettled as at present. If the legations and the extra-territorial establishments ever required protection the requirement one but several civil wars are either in progress or seriously threateneed. It would seem, therefore, to be most unwise to remove the minimum of advisable ever since the Boxer insur-

Geographically Japan is located so gency. The other nations would prob-ably be compelled to place their interests under Japanese protection. This is, perhaps, an unworthy con-sideration, but it is practical. Perhaps in time China will prove

o the world that all extra-territoral rights should be relinquished, but just at present there is no hopeful



## unity, no generally recognizable au-Japan confuses the issue when it

suggests that all military forces be withdrawn. The Japanese forces Cleveland Plain Pealer.

There are two aspects of the Japanese suggestion that all foreign troops be removed from China. The for the purpose of protecting the leftest thought is that this is a very gations and safeguarding legitimate concrete proof of Japan's sincerity forcing liverests.

#### More Traffic Accidents.

The proof of the pudding is again On the other hand, the Japanese in the eating. Since restrictions position in China is altogether differ-were thrown about the traffic court

a policy of aggrandizement, and for jail, a method of punishment must a time has seemed animated by a be found that just as effectively leads the abandonment of imperialistic de-signs. This necessarily means the caution in operating their cars.

A measure of responsibility must Shantung and other occupied areas. also be borne by pedestrians; per-It does not, however, imply any haps parents whose children have no necessity of removing the legation other playground than the streets guards and other small bodies of sol-should more emphatically warn their diers necessary for the protection of children of the danger. But chiluseless to wait for a high tide to diplomatic agents and other Japan-dren at best cannot always be exfloat our ship again. Its propeller ese who are in China on legitimate pected to remember. Grownups, on This brings up the other aspect of biles are expected not only to remember, but to drive their cars at a speed and in a fashion that has regard for the safety of others. It is simple enough to say the children should not be in the street that they should go to the publi-playgrounds. It is quite anothe matter, and one impossible of attain ment, to keep them off the stree at all times and in all places. Auto

mobile drivers must recognize that fact and drive their cars according-If more rigid traffic restrictions and more severe punishment for vio lation are necessary to impress that idea upon them, the necessary step should be taken, whether it be jail sentence or something equally effec-

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