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- What The Bee Stands For:
1. Respect for the law and maintenance of order.
2. Speedy and certain punishment of crime through the regular operation of the courts.

Happy New Year to you!
If you made 'em, try to stick to 'em.
For the first time you are dating things 1920.

Well, nobody has tried to steal the city hall.
Is it any wonder anti-burglary insurance is going higher?

A correspondent inquires to know if the senate fight is to save America's bacon or Wilson's ham. You guess.

The scramble for a vacancy on the district bench indicates appreciation of the dignity and honor that distinguishes a judge.

"Cal" Coolidge announces that he is not looking for a consolation prize. But somebody must be nominated for vice president.

Nothing remarkable about Colonel House's espousing the cause of Oscar Underwood. One is from Texas, the other from Alabama.

A Chicago parson has denounced the "Winter Garden" show as "vulgar, salacious, and indecent." No wonder they can get \$11 a seat.

Canadians are going to try to struggle along without titles of special class or distinction conferred by the king of England. Democracy is taking real root north of the line.

A preacher has been found who resembles his parishioners in one respect—he likes to play poker. It would be interesting to watch him trying to make a bobtail flush "stand up."

Notice is sent out to consumers that producers intend to advance the price of coal. Here is a splendid chance to see of the government can control the operators any better than it did the miners.

Scotch in New York want "Machbeth" abolished, for reasons similar to that set up for putting a ban on "The Merchant of Venice," "Anthony and Cleopatra" and "Julius Caesar" are possibly immune.

"Pat" Crowe is getting unduly boastful in his old age. He ought to be returning his thanks that a jury thought less of duty for a moment than anything else, and turned him free from deserved punishment.

DONT KICK—JUST STAGNATE.
The new commissioner of our Omaha Chamber of Commerce marks his advent by publicly calling on every one in Omaha to stop complaining about things that are wrong because it may make other people believe that conditions in our city are worse than they really are.

If the commissioner really said this, as quoted, he has certainly jumped off on the wrong foot. Following his advice, the people of Omaha would stand for any sort of misgovernment, oppression, thievery and lawlessness if only perpetrated by some one wearing the badge of authority, and they would look pleasant and "support their officials" supinely while the damage was being done.

No, what is needed is not the covering up of the bad spots but their exposure to the light of day so that they will be cut out. The great propelling force for progress is publicity. It is what The Bee has enumerated in its platform as "pitiless publicity and condemnation of inefficiency, lawlessness and corruption in office," coupled with "frank recognition and commendation of honest and efficient public service."

Omaha's Balance Sheet.
The year 1919 was one of activity in Omaha in all lines. How busy its factories, jobbing houses, banks, mills, elevators and other business houses were may be discovered by an examination of the figures presented by The Bee this morning.

The growth indicated by the reports is solid and substantial. All through the year it has been apparent that affairs have been moving at high speed in the business world, and the review not only makes this plain, but justifies the confident predictions of greater things for the year just ahead.

The most satisfactory aspect of this prosperity is that it has been shared by all. Employment has been steady and wages have been high, not at any time has any great destitution or suffering been endured.

Two Eclipsed Stars.
Removal of the police force of two detectives who disobeyed orders and disregarded instructions from the chief of police may be accepted as evincing a determination on part of the authorities to require better discipline and behavior on part of the police hereafter.

What Omaha wants is not meek submission to things as they are, but a public sentiment that will promptly jump on to anything that looks wrong. And not star chamber or dark lantern proceedings, but every move of the government out in the open.

Why the German Mark Has Fallen
One curious result of the depreciation of the German mark in all foreign countries is that Germany by that very fact becomes the cheapest market in which they can purchase, thus showing the tendency of economic laws to correct evils produced by their own operation.

Thrift Week for Omaha.
A week has been designated to be locally observed as "thrift week." It is set far enough into the future to give us spendthrifts a chance to get used to the idea of saving something, although most of the local wage slaves wonder just what it will be.

A Los Angeles woman offers to drown her babies if it will please the landlord. It would be required of her in some parts of Omaha.

When burglars and "highjackers" take to robbing United States battle ships, it is time for something to happen.

Farmers and Government Railroads

From the New York Times.
The president's decision to return the railroads to their owners on March 1 will be generally approved, not only by those interested in the railroads but by the entire business community.

Delegates representing the American Federation of Labor, the four railroad brotherhoods, and certain farm organizations, apparently in the main, emanations of the Nonpartisan league or skeleton societies of political farmers, gave Secretary Tumulty on December 19 a communication asking President Wilson that the railroads be not returned by the government for at least two years.

It will be remembered that the National Grange enthusiastically refused to form an alliance with organized labor. It demanded the return of the railroads to their owners. Mr. T. C. Atkeson, its Washington representative, wrote Mr. Wilson the other day denying that "organized farmers" want government control of the railroads continued.

The great majority of agricultural papers supported this view, and declared the opposition of most of the farmers to the radical labor program which they were falsely represented as favoring.

For all their boasting, the radical labor leaders know very well that the farmer is an American, and cannot be made a convert to exotic, radical and revolutionary policies.

After Cromwell—Charles II.

W. H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league in New York, protested against the election of Elihu Root as a delegate to the republican national convention.

The intervention is not effective unless it is complete. If it can be evaded by travel, the individual is injured. He should not be permitted to travel. Passports should be issued only to drags.

TODAY

The Day We Celebrate.
Hon. John D. Reid, Canadian minister of railways and canals, born at Prescott, Ont., 61 years ago.
William Fox, one of the leading American producers of motion pictures, born 41 years ago.

Little Folks' Corner

The All Round Girl
Red Cheeks and Pep
Assets and Liabilities.
By MOLLIE PRICE COOK.

Sports that Make Men
Athletics
The Basket Ball Center.
By H. O. (PAT) PAGE.

"Daddy, I heard you dictating a letter when I was in your office yesterday and you were talking about assets and liabilities. What did you mean?"

The center should be both an offensive and defensive player, and in addition, a good floor man. The qualifications of the center are as follows:

- NEW YEAR'S BALANCE SHEET
ASSETS
Good Health
Energy
Ambition
Respect
Personality
Cheerfulness
Neatness
Generosity
Service

Ordinarily this comes from height and reach, but sometimes it is the result of jumping ability. The boy who aspires to make center on his team should practice timing his jump so as to hit the ball when he is at the top of his jump and not when he is still going up or has started coming

business owns—cash, property, merchandise. Liabilities are things a business doesn't want—debts and encumbrances. If the assets of a man's business do not amount to more than its liabilities it is in a bad way.



A twinkle appeared in Mr. Clark's eyes. "By the way, Helen," he said, "you have assets and liabilities, too. Why not start the New Year with a list of them?"

After the tossup, it becomes the duty of the center to run the floor and make himself an important factor in team work. As both a defensive and an offensive player, his territory is the whole floor. He must move fast. If he is slow, he slows the whole team.

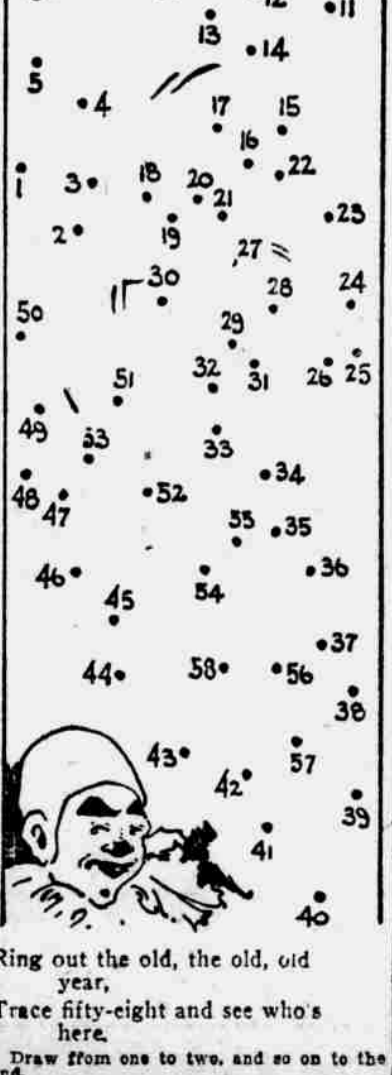
Personality is the greatest asset a girl can have. Personality means health, alertness, cheerfulness, neat appearance, generosity and willingness to serve others.

Clever Foot Work.
His position makes him the logical man around whom to build the team work. For this he not only needs speed and endurance but cleverness in dodging, pivoting and sidestepping. He should practice in going down under the opponent's basket and by means of his height and jumping ability digging the ball out for his team-mates.

FATHER TIME'S NEW YEAR

PART I. December 31.
Spin me a rhyme,
Said Father Time
And mix it with glad potion
Tomorrow morn
A child is born.
To give the world new motion.

DOT PUZZLE.



IN THE BEST OF HUMOR.
Hon.—Woman is ahead of man.
Hubby—Certainly, what man wears a straw hat in January?—Detroit News.
Hub—Well, my dear, what do you think of the new neighbors?
Wife—Oh, Jack, they take twice as big a piece of ice as we do.—Toledo Blade.

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