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#### The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station. A Pipe Line from the Wyoming Oil Fields to Omaha.
- 3. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.

#### CREDULITY, RELIGION AND HAPPINESS.

Simon Magus, the Oriental magician denounced by Peter for trying to purchase the power of the Holy Ghost, whose very name has been made infamous in the word "simony," which means the correct selling of ecclesiastical favors, did not get what he was after. But he had no trouble in making ignorant people believe he had supernatural powers, being a gifted man in an unholy profession.

This professor of secret arts, playing upon a credulity not yet banished even in America. made multitudes believe he could change himself into a snake or a goat, that he could make trees grow suddenly, or himself become invisible, pass bodily through mountains, fly, loiter in flames without being burned, animate and direct movements of inanimate things, such as a scythe or the brass figure of a man.

The miracles of Christ excited his envy, and he sought His power in the most impossible way-that of paying cash for it.

Appolonius of Tyana was another adept in playing upon credulity. Thousands believed he could raise the dead, and it is related of him that at a wedding dinner he caused the dishes and their contents to vanish, and made the bride confess herself a vampire, whose purpose it was to eat the flesh and lap the blood of her husband at night. At the present time, it may be remarked, the vampire directs her demoralizing influence toward the morals and bank accounts of her victims.

Even Luther, fifteen hundred years later, who first translated the Bible into a modern spoken language, and brought about the Reformation, was impregnated with the credulity of his times, and firmly believed that he had personal controversies with the Devil. In his

The Devil knows well enough how to construct his arguments, and to urge them with of a master. Nor excels in forcible statements and quick rejoinders. I no longer wonder that the persons whom he assails in this way are occasionally found dead in their beds. He is able to compress and throttle, and more than once he has so assaulted me and driven my soul into a corner that I have felt as if the

next moment it must leave my body.

The Devil's manner of opening a debate is pleasant enough, but he soon urges things so peremptorily that the respondent in a short time knows not how to acquit himself.

Moral: Shun the Devil! Seriously, the most learned society of the Sixteenth Century was permeated with credulity, and while capable of recording accurately the truths of the Christian religion, was unable to shake off many horrible beliefs in no wise justified by Biblical texteven down to the time when our own New England believed in witches.

In these latter and better days since Missouri has got on the intellectual map with its "show me" comprehension of and demand for evidence, we still have much credulity in religious matters. Indeed, the mere subject of religion seems at once to open the minds of many people to believe the most unreasonable things. We see this fact constantly demonstrated in scores of new religions, and new offshoots from old religions, usually originating in a purpose to afford their leaders an easy living or other financial profit without work.

But with all the credulity and loose thinking of these times, the best religious teachers of today lead us to the pure and refreshing atmosphere of right living. The essentials are at the front now. Conduct is what counts. The churches are schools in which the proper application of sound principles to every day life is taught. No longer is that hymn of horror beloved by the stern Pilgrim Fathers, which ran as follows, sung:

For in the land where darkness dwells, The lands of heaven and despair, Justice hath built a dismal hell

And laid her stores of vengeance there. Eternal plagues and heavy chains, Tormenting rocks and fiery coals, And darts to inflict mortal pain, Dyed in the blood of damned souls.

Nor is there an Ann Whitall to say today: "I often think if I could be so fixt as never to laugh nor to smil I shud be won step better; it fills me with sorrow when I see people so full of laf and of prate." On the contrary, the religion of the Twentieth Century is one of smiles, joy, cheerfulness and happiness. It is better so. Erring credulities and cruelties have given way to a better conception of what life on earth should be, with the churches in the lead. The philosophy and theology of pure happiness now rules, God be praised!

### For Nebraska's Future.

State pride is a great and legitimate factor in the best American life. A state whose citizenship loves, honors and stands by it, is always powerful in commerce, influential in social service and formidable in politics. This is grounded on one of the best of human instincts -love of home. The man who is loyal to his home, his city and his state, is the man who builds up and protects all three.

The coming republican primary will be quite as much a test of the loyalty of Nebraska's citizenship to her best political interests as a demonstration of presidential preferences. The straight path of sound common sense, of wis- | mind.

dom, and of future power for Nebraska in national affairs lies in support of Nebraska's candidate. There is not even the shadow of a doubt about this. It is undeniable.

#### Just by Way of Contrast.

A news item from Chicago tells of bricklayers and plumbers riding to the job in taxicabs. No objection can reasonably be set against this, if they prefer to do so. It is really a matter for them to decide, and the one bricklayer interviewed says the "six bits" he spends for transportation is a protection against discomforts and dangers of crowded street cars.

Or like Ulysses dost thou yearn for strife More glorious, in regions now denied? For still thou dost remember to be green

The workingman is as much entitled and undoubtedly enjoys as fully the good things of life, and even the luxuries, as anyone, and whlie the situation may be novel, the world will yet become accustomed to the spectacle just as it town stuff that would come close to seizing it. has in other ways become familiar with things that appeared strange a few short years ago. It may be of interest to note by way of contrast how we have progressed.

Not so many months ago that "six bits" would have purchased the labor of a bricklayer for an hour; now it pays him for 36 minutes of his time. It would then have purchased him a pair of overall trousers, now it will not buy one leg. With it he could have bought six nice white standing collars, to wear after his day of two for the same money. His wife's personal brewed beer of excellent quality cheers without expenses have correspondingly increased. All inebriating, and it is difficult to believe that it is that he buys for home consumption or use might be included in this comparison.

Let us go back forty-five years. Seventyfive cents then paid a section hand for threefourths to five-sixths of his ten hours of drudgery at tamping ties or mauling spikes. He 'pumped" a hand-car three or four miles to and from the "job," and trudged back and forth a mile or more between his hut and the "shanty" where the car was stored. But he did not pay \$5 a bushel for potatoes, nor 25 cents a pound for sugar; bacon was within a poor man's reach, and was considered a poor man's food.

It is well enough to recall these things as hardships past. We do not want to return to them. It is far more encouraging to watch the bricklayer riding to work in a taxi-cab.

#### Government Business Methods.

In a popular magazine a writer discusses in popular fashion the way of the government in doing business. He makes out a very strong case for his end of the argument. Taking the postal service to illustrate his argument, he emphasizes the condition of the overworked and underpaid mail carriers, messengers, clerks and others employed in the service, giving concrete examples to support his views. This might be extended to include other branches of the government's housekeeping, and with equal force.

With all due allowance for certain looseness of statement that is inevitable when dealing in generalities, the writer referred to has touched accurately enough one of the great weaknesses of our system. It is axiomatic that democracies are essentially disorderly; when they cease to be disorderly, they cease to be democracies. This, however, does not argue that our government should persist forever in maintaining a system that has proved inefficient, cumbersome and costly, if not actually wasteful.

government needs, and a readjustment of business methods along the lines of modern practice is imperative. Introduction of means employed in private affairs will help amazingly. The application of these will involve some measures of relief, such as civil pensions or other form of retirement allowance, payment of better wages, and an extension of the merit system to make advancement sure and give the public services something of the attraction now held for by private employment to the energetic and capable man.

-The government asks for the best; its standards are high, and its servants are almost universally worthy and competent. They should get far better treatment than they have received for many years.

### Peace by Resolution.

A rather anomalous situation is rapidly developing in Washington. The democrats who have so ardently professed their inclination to peace and so vehemently demanded the acceptance of the president's impossible plan, are lining up to prevent if they can a restoration of peace. The house has passed the Porter resolution, declaring the war with Germany at an end. No doubt is entertained that similar action will be taken by the senate. Administration democrats, however, rely on the hope that the president will veto the resolution, and thus continue the United States as at war with Germany. Whether the resolution can be passed over the veto is not so important as that the attitude of the president is interpreted by his followers as meaning that he will not consent to peace, save on his own terms. He bargained with Germany, compromised with Italy, yielded to Japan, and agreed with England and France, but when he comes to America, he must be permitted to dictate. The answer ought to be easy.

#### The Safe and Sure Candidate.

One of the greatest qualifications a presidential candidate can have is availability, which is likelihood of success. From no part of the country has come a single doubt that if nominated General Pershing would be elected. Opinion is unanimous on that point. As representing safety and every quality implied by the word availability, so potent in wise politics, General Pershing ranks A No. 1.

One good thing about the treaty situation is that the United States is not likely to be ordered to send troops to the Ruhr valley.

Nebraskans are waking up to the fact that they have a real candidate in Pershing. Watch the vote come through.

Red has always been a signal of danger in railroad service, and the present strike more tion, thinking that perhaps they may be worth than proves it.

Farm hands are needed in Nebraska, if any of the idle switchmen is anxious to get a real

The administration's traps for republican senators are easily discovered and avoided. Mr. Wilson will have to move lively if he

isn't mated in the peace game.

The weather man also has a single-track

## A Line O' Type or Two

Thou strong old cedar, dwelling by the sea. Grasping the rocks with roots of living steel, Thy body gnarled and twisted by the reel Of countless mighty winds, thou seem'st to me Brother to Ocean or Eternity— Perchance an ancient mariner whose keel, Storm-driven, split, and tossed thy store of weal Where thou dost guard it still, triumphantly, With arms outstretched unto the crested tide.

What hope is thine? Some distant shore serene And still dost venerate the stress of life

ST. LOUIS merchants use stationery which carries the line, "The city surrounded by the United States." If there were a prize for small-

"SEE AMERICA LAST." (From the Kansas City Journal.) National Old Trails—West, muddy; east,

muddy.
Golden Belt-Mud and snow. King of Trails-North, mud and snow; south, mud and snow. Pike's Peak Highway—Mud and snow. Jefferson Highway—North, mud and

snow; south, mud and snow. Meridian Highway—Mud and snow. THERE is yeast for thought in the offer of contrib to give a barrel of guaranteed 5 per cent to anybody producing a bottle of hometoil was ended; now he is lucky if he can get made beer of 21/2 per cent or better. Homehigh in alcohol. How to tell, without the gauge

of the Rev. Pere Gaucher?

DISTRESSING FATE OF A PROHIBITIONIST. Sir: At a burlesque matinee the other day men could be in a theater at that time of day He asked all the waiters to stand, then the ex-bartenders, and then the night watchmen. That accounted for all but one man in the fourth row. Upon being asked what his trade was, he mumbled something about being a prohibition-ist. So far they have identified one of his rub-PYTHAGORUS.

FOR standard-bearer of the Academy we ake unparalleled pleasure in nominating Mr. Onward Bates of the Chicago Bureau of Public

A Rather Humorous Story.

(From the Lowell, Mass., Courier-Citizen.) Agent Francis J. O'Hare of the local board of health, has told me rather a humorous story concerning a man of this county who was notified that his license to keep a cow had expired. The official who informed him of the fact received the following letter a few days later:
"Monsieur Bord of Helt—I just got your

notis that my licens to keep my cow has expire. I wish to inform you, Monsieur Bird of Helt that my cow she beat you to it—she expire tree weeks ago. Much oblige. Yours with respeck.

"DUISBERG Is Taken by Gen. Reichs--Tonopah, Nev., Times. The General was born in Alt, Heidelberg.

PROBLEM OF CONDUCT. Sir: I was in a small town the day the Trib headlined the tornado. I bought a paper in the Elite Ice Cream Soda Parlor in summer and Most Up-to-Date Vulcanizing Eestablishment in winter, in time to hear a farmer make the statenent, "You can't fool me. I don't believe every thing I see in the papers. They just put that stuff in to make the paper sell. I bet there wa'n't no tornado at all."

What should I have done? "PICTURES of President Wilson. Sold in rames at \$2.50. Without frames, Ic."-Dubuque Times-Journal.

Or, without pictures, \$2.49. Variation of the Valve-Handle Wheeze.

(From the Selson Engineering Company of New York, Inc.) Renewal of the survey made under the direction of President Taft, a thorough study of and are, yours faithfully, Selson Engineering Co.
P. S.—Since writing the above we have received under separate cover three copies of your circular, for which we thank you.

> WHAT DO YOU MEAN "(?)"? Sir: For several years I have been loaning my Trib to a fine old "nickel-nurser," which is perfectly all right and in line with the present policy of your "philanthropic" (?) employers. My complaint is that while the old bird formerly asked me for MY paper, he asks now for OUR paper, and I am expecting any morning to have him ask me for HIS paper. Isn't this rubbing it in, or am I supersensitive? EPP.

OUR friend B. Brummel was relieved to read in a clothing booklet that "Coats and pants are worn. The wearer will fit into any society at any time."

FORBEARANCE, AGAIN, ALMOST CEASES TO BE A VIRTUE.

(From the Mechanicsville, Ia., Pioneer Press.

The party who has been cutting down the trees and shrubs in front of my residence, f he doesn't quit the practice, will not be able to walk around town even on crutches. This is a solemn warning. Obey it and avert a tragedy.

J. M. Graham.

AN ancient mariner advises us that the abreviations are properly Nothe'east, south'east, nor'west, and sow'west Speaking of Sea Stories-

Sir: You might I. to k. that the castaway professor in "Hunger" (last month's Harper's) became so bored with inaction that, "shipping his oars, he began rowing with all his might."

MAPOON."

THE rise of the Kaw has necessitated pumping operations on the Kansas side. Very fittingly, "Frank Cole, city milk inspector, has been placed in supervision of the pumps."

ALL SLICE AND NO PULL. For tonsorialist to the Academy I take pleasure in proposing the name of Mr. William Rayzor of Friendsville, Ill. This gentleman possesses no pull whatever, and if given the place it must be strictly on his merits.

D. E. K.

WE lamp by Who's Who that Miss Amy Lowell's address is "Sevenels." Sounds a little A NONCOMMITTAL IMMORTAL.

Sir: No doubt you have heard of one con-radicting one's statements, but have you ever heard of a person contradicting his own name? Mr. Yep Noe of Detroit does. M. M. FROM the ad of an advertising firm in Waterloo, Ia,: "We lay closer to those inquiries than a sick kitten lays to a hot brick."

Add Famous Doublings. (From the Shell Rock, Ia., News.)
The traveling public will have no trouble in getting acquainted with the Shell Rock mayor these days. He makes most of the trains as bus driver. Mayor Dan Jerolaman

seems to be just as happy as though he had been appointed postmaster of Shell Rock. LOCATED at last! Constant Rieder wants o sell his farm in southern Saskatchewan.

#### Germany's Terrible Plight

In the ordinary course of business the other day a prominent Columbus broker executed a commission to buy three bonds of the city of Cologne. The par value of the three municipal bonds in our money in normal times was \$3,000 and the three together cost the purchaser the other day \$53. He bought them as a speculasomething some day.

The incident illustrates the terrible plight in which Germany finds herself, with her own colossal war debt, the vast indemnities charged against her, her commerce wiped out, her domestic industrial activities shot to pieces, her food supply short, millions of her men killed and her good name gone. We can imagine her sitiable condition and her dark outlook upon what the situation would have to be in this country before a \$1,000 bond of Cleveland or Columbus would sell for less than \$18 in the financial markets of the world. Not in justice to Germany, but in justice to themselves, should the Allies be lenient in enforcing damage claims against the whipped and all but hopeless nation. -Ohio State Journal.

#### How to Keep Well By Dr. W. A. EVANS

SALT AND BLOOD PRESSURE.

Once upon a time a surgeon in the United States navy wrote against the prevailing use of salt in food. He said sailors rarely died of apoplexy, and the reason was that they always drank distilled water while at sea. The argument was that a continuous diet of food over rich in minerals caused a mineral saturation with deposit of mineral salts in the

apoplexy.

There is a very considerable group of scientific medical men who hold that high blood pressure results from eating too much salt. The men of this school treat high blood preswith diets very low in salt. When this has been done by skillful men, equipped with plenty of laboratory help, and practicing on pa-tients under complete control, a high degree of success has been attained. The blood pressure has been brought down, the danger of apoplexy has been reduced to a mini-mum, all dizziness and other symp-toms of high blood pressure have been stopped, albumin has disap peared from the urine and albumin-uric retinitis and glaucoma has come

under control.

Another group of men give about as good results from putting their patients on a fruit-vegetable diet. Frederick M. Allen, who writes on this subject in the Journal of the American Medical association, says that the restrictions on eating and activity necessary for success with either method are so great that many prefer to take their chances with the disease. Likewise, he calls attention to a possible danger from a sudden withdrawal of salt. A man who has been accustomed to eating too much meat and salt cannot suddenly stop salt without danger. He needs some of it to help flush out his tissues and to stimulate his kidneys.

The people with high blood pressure, dizziness, disposition to apo-plexy, albuminuria, retinitis and glaucoma will have a difficult time deciding between these two proproposals. In the meantime the average man can get this much out of the discussion. We eat too much salt, just as we eat too much sugar, pepper, spices and other condiments. The amount of salt taken in food and drink should not exceed 30 grains a day. Meat, milk, in fact, most foods, contain a fair proportion of salt. To this we add as taste

There is no question that we habitually overdo the salting of food, and in consequence most of us habitually overstep the 30 grains a day allowserves to overstimulate the kidneys. Habitually to overstimulate the kidneys with salt is just as bad as habitually to overstimulate the bowels in the tistues causes a storing up in the tissue of more water than is good for them. Cannibals are said to dislike the flesh of meat eaters because it is too salty.

contemplating marriage. I have one child and first born. She is single and incurable. Is it unsafe for my

The Day We Celebrate.

Charles E. Hughes, former justice of the supreme court of the United States, born at Glens Falls, N. Y., 58

years ago. Dr. H. W. Chase, the new president of the University of North Carolina, born at Groveland, Mass., 37

years ago.
John W. Weeks, former United
States senator from Massachusetts, born at Lancaster, N. H., 60 years

ago.
William Ordway Partridge, celebrated American sculptor, born in Paris 59 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

James S. Bryant, colored, from Louisville, Ky., was admitted to the bar. He was the second colored at-torney in Omaha.

An entertainment called "The Fes-tival of Days," was given by the la-dies of St. Marys Avenue Congregational church. A party of passenger engineers of the New York Central railway

stopped here enroute to San Fran-Mrs. McMenamy, wife of Dr. Mc-Menamy, who had recently died, took charge of the Omaha Medical

#### QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

To drink wine undiluted by water as regarded by the Greeks as barbarism. All the famous old liquors were invented and manufactured entirely

Chicago has a motor hospital which visits remote districts to treat patients.

More than 10,000 railroad locomo tives are standing idle in Germany's epair shops.

Mason wasps are magnificent engineers, being especially expert building tunnels.

The weaving of a genuine cash-mere shawl of ordinary pattern occupies three weavers for three months, and the more elaborate and costly from 12 to 15 months.

They are all healthy, robust men and women. My brother was the first member in our family that showed signs of the disease in his youth and he was cured. Later he married and one of his children was afficted the same as mine. Then another brother and sister of mine married and each one has a child that was afflicted with the disease. We were all in the best of health when we married and our parents cannot remember that there ever was a sign of this disease dating back. Why should each one of us have such a child? We all have large families ance. The taste is trained to de-mand more than the proper and normal allowance. Some of this piles up in the tissue, and some have children now but the disease some have children now but the disease dneys, has not showed up so far. How about those children's children? Two of my boys fear to get married, alually to overstimulate the bowels though they are perfectly healthy with epsom salts. The excess of salt and fine men. Would it be safe for them to marry?

Very little is known about the inheritance of epilepsy. It is well es-tablished that some families have Mrs. M. K. writes: "I am the mother of seven children, all grown, in the ordinary sense. I never that child who is an epileptic-my oldest yours does. The disease is not com members of families in which there other children to have offspring? is epilepsy marry without hesitation

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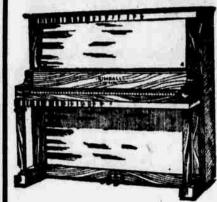
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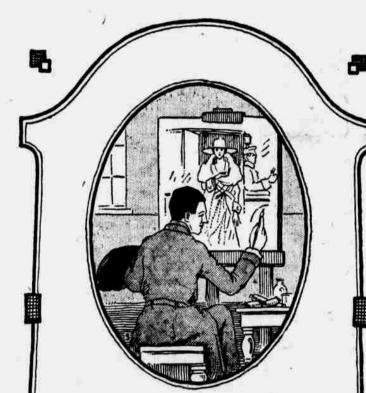
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