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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. 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.

THE REAL SUPERGOVERNMENT.

The most serious of all the ills that disturb the country, and the one most destructive to the life of its institutions, is disregard and contempt for law. It has grown for a generation or more because respect for law has not been taught the people by those charged with its en-

Executive officers from the highest to the lowest have been lax in the performance of their duties toward men who defy the law. It is not surprising in such circumstances that opponents of law have progressed from individual enterprises against the authority of cities and states to actual challenge of the legal power of the nation itself.

All human experience in government, beginning with the family, shows the demoralizing effect of laxness in law enforcement. Our own government shows it-in townships, villages, cities, counties and states-where not only laws and ordinances, but those sworn to enforce them, are held in disdain by both individuals and organized bodies who hate and violate law.

Such a condition, under organized opposition to law, was not unforeseen in the early years of the republic. Our first president realized the menace it would become and in 1796 mentioned it in the great address whose wise counsel grows more and more impressive as the years pass. He said:

The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government. All obstructions to the execution of the laws, all combinations and associations, under whatever plausible character, with the real design to direct, control, counteract or awe the regular deliberation and action of the constituted authorities, are destructive of this fundamental principle, and of fatal tendency. They serve to organize faction, to give it an artificial and extraordinary force; to put, in the place of the delegated will of the nation, the will of a party, often a small but artful and enterprising minority of the community.

Look back during the past seven years over many times our present president and the congresses in existence during the same period have been flouted, threatened and awed by artful minorities; how many obstructions to the execution of the laws have been openly used; how many combinations have sought to control and actually guided the deliberations and decisions of constituted authorities; and how often the president has bought peace of small minorities at the expense of the people as a whole.

How long is this sort of thing to continue? When will a check be put on individual lawbreaking and the organized control of recreant municipal, state and national officials by enemies of various laws? In the answer lies the weal or woe of government by the people.

The Vice-Presidential Nomination.

An astonishing editorial appeared in a New York paper recently. It advocated the nomination of a big man for vice-president, contrary to the usual custom of devoting that nomination to making sure the electoral vote of some uncertain state by playing on its local pride.

We can remember only one vice-presidential nomination not disposed of on that idea. Governor Roosevelt of New York was named on the McKinley ticket because Tom Platt wanted to get rid of him in New York. The easy boss found him uncomfortable in his political business. Hanna, at that time director-general of patronage for McKinley, had no desire for Roosevelt's selection, but was won over by party policy arguments. Governor Roosevelt himself was not itching to be shelved in the vice-presidency, but again expediency prevailed.

And now comes the suggestion that no uncertain quantity be chosen for second place on the Chicago ticket. It is a good one. It might be made a rule of national conventions that every man seeking the presidential nomination should pledge himself to accept second place if defeated for the first honor. That would usually insure the selection of the two strongest men before the convention-a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Georgia Deserts the President.

The popular vote in the Georgia primaries shows nearly 50,000 majority for candidates opposed to the League of Nations without reservations, while Tom Watson, running squarely against the League with or without reservations, got 4,000 plurality. The full significance of this plurality will be seen in the fact that Watson's plurality was more than 6,000 over Senator Smith, who advocated the Lodge reservations.

The breaking up of solid support of the president in the south is notice to northern democrats who are chafing under Wilson domination, to go as far as they like. The south should

Living With a Broken Neck.

Indiana furnishes the case of a man who has not only lived but gone about his business with a broken neck, unaware of the serious nature of his injury. He is now under surgical care with an even chance for recovery. The incident has a parallel in Omaha, where a Western Union telegraph operator has fully recovered from such an injury. He fell on the icy pavement one winter morning while on his way home from ling.

a night of work in The Bee office. His neck pained him, but he returned to work and continued for some time after to nightly copy press dispatches in this office. Finally advised to seek advice of a surgeon, he was informed that his neck was broken, and that immediate attention was imperative. Several months in a hospital followed, but the man with a broken neck is alive and well, and moves with no inconvenience because of the fact that he once had a broken neck. All of which proves the wonders of modern surgery, and that although few have necks long enough to tie in case of break, many cases of fracture formerly considered necessarily fatal may, now be successfully restored through the ministrations of men skilled in the art of healing.

"America for Americans."

A little side-light on the sentiment of South Americans is afforded by the address of Dr. Baltazar Brum, president of Uruguay, made to the students of the University of Montevideo. He proposes a league of American nations, under which each would find an opportunity for accepting some greater share of responsibility under the Monroe doctrine. Such a league, Dr. Brum says, can exist without the League of Nations, and will be of more immediate benefit to the governments concerned than the greater organization.

This expression may be taken as a reply to the unfriendly outburst of La Prensa, the great Buenos Aires newspaper, which very lately delivered a violent attack against the Monroe Doctrine and the guardianship assumed under it by the United States. That article has been looked on as inspired by the Argentinian government, which is not especially well inclined toward us. because of the sinister European influences now dominant in Argentina. La Prensa also takes the Chilean view of the difficulties with Bolivia and Peru, flatly accusing the Peruvians of being disturbers. Independence of the Monroe Doctrine and a closer alliance with Europe is the suggestion of the Argentinian editor. Chile is notoriously actuated by the same springs that move Argentina in this matter, despite the fact that the two governments have an open dispute relative to the boundary between them.

These agitators forget that whatever of independence in politics or popular government exists below the Rio Grande del Norte, all the way to Puentas Arenas, is enjoyed by the people because of the Monroe doctrine. Dr. Brum's idea is more in line with the general sentiment of the Americas, both North and South, and we believe it will grow much faster than the unwise proposal of the Argentinians, which would open the way to much contention if not actual conflict. The United States is not ready to give up its traditional stand in this matter, but will continue to cultivate a more intimate relation with its southern contemporaries. A League of American nations would help much along this

"Masculine Pugnacity" vs. Feminine Wit.

Always credited with being an analyst of deep perception, Dr. Edward Aylesworth Ross rather outdid himself when talking to the women folks at the new Omaha political school. Unless the line of his thought is followed closely by his feminine hearers, we suspect some of them will reach the conclusion that the eminent doctor was spoofing them. He sees a danger to woman's newly acquired privilege of voting in the element of "masculine pugnacity," especially as manifested in holding office and administering government. To offset and overcome this, he proposes that woman match her wit against the masculine craft and daring and prophesies that she will come out on top in the end and save the world.

It may be that the good doctor has already turned feminist; at least, he talks like one, if correctly quoted in the news columns. Masculine pugnacity may have been expressed in grabbing and holding office, but it has not excluded women from at least a moderate share in the great things that have moved the world. We all remember the rhymed answer to Archimedes' "Does pou sto!" and easily recall that nothing has ever happened that did not have in it somewhere a woman. Louis' cynical "Cherchez la femme!" has application as forceful today as ever. Who can call the roll of the world's great without including woman?

If woman has the suffrage in America today, it is because the overwhelming majority of American men want her to have it. It was to more firmly fix the equality between the sexes, and not to excite any unhappy rivalry for control the change was made. "Masculine pugnacity," indeed! Dr. Ross is a wise man, but we fear his cloistered habits have led him to overmuch rumination.

Help the Poor Cotton Planter.

The south is enthusiastically in favor of the overall movement. It increases the demand for cotton and helps hold up the profiteering on cotton, the south's leading crop. Impious hands were not laid on cotton when the democratic administration was fixing prices on northern necessities and Claude Kitchin was specializing on an income tax law that would hit northern industries as hard as possible and let the devoted south off as easily as might be. "We'll fix it so the north will pay for the war," said Claude, or words to that effect. They did.

Doesn't it help you be patient to think that the president had a chance in October to buy the Cuban sugar crop at a price that would enable us to have all we want around 10 cents

If Mr. Wilson really were a seer, he might read the answer to his League of Nations question in the vote cast in Georgia, or in the support Senator Johnson is receiving.

Britons are putting an extra tax on booze, but they will never realize what a tax is till they pay bootlegger's prices.

Carranza's campaign is progressing true to form. Chances are that he will be counted out before the polls are opened.

No wonder the election commissioner overlooked a few of the offices in his tabulation. The list is formidable.

The Nebraska is only 16 years old, but goes to the discard. War moves fast these days. We dare the weatherman to take a referen-

dum vote on his conduct. Soldiers, sailors and marines get a raise in pay, but none too soon.

Pardoning prisoners is a precarious proceed-

A Line O' Type or Two How to the Line, let the quips fall where they may

THE constitutional convention has wisely decided that a citizen of Illinois must be able to read and write English to be eligible to public office. As Webster should have said, "One Country, one Constitution, one Language."

DRAMATIC CRISIS. [From the Waukegan Sun.] The high school seniors last evening pre-sented their play, "Nothing but the Truth." The usual criticism or review of the annual play could not be given today because the courtesies by being given reserved seats for

CARRANZA seems to be the raisin in the Mexican unrest. He is developing a terrific

Speaking of Split Infinitives-

Sir: A lieutenant in the heavy artillery wrote to his friend, who had corrected him in the use of the split infinitive, as follows: "This gun that we are using against the Boche is some bad actor. We can split an infinitive at four "HAVE bought a sedan; will sell my Stude-

baker touring for \$600; looks and runs like a new Dodge."-St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

If it starts like a Buick and makes a noise like a Cadillac we'll consider it.

A BIG JOB.

(From the Rushville Times.) I will give \$200.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who broke into my garage and robbed my 1920 Ford touring car of top, curtains, wheels, cushions, carpets, flooring boards, engine hood, radiator cap and tools. Thomas W. Herron.

THE revered Associated Press talks of a voluntary system of military training for young men between the ages of 18 and 21, but says nothing about the old chaps between those ages.

Another Plutocrat Retires. [From the Markesan, Wis., Herald.]

This is one of the saddest ads for me that have ever written to my customers. During the twenty-four years that I have been selling shoes to you I have enjoyed it and it has been a pleasure to me, but the increase of the shoe business the last five years and my business matters outside have caused me to retire from the shoe merchant business. Thanking you for all your support during the years that you have stood by me and caused me to be successful in the shoe game. I shall always be glad to meet you and to do anything for you which I possibly can. My home will be in good old Markesan just the same. Thanking you again. Ed. W. Laper, The Shoeman.

PUBLIC interest in the approaching conventions is growing keener. We heard two persons refer to them yesterday.

BUSINESS OF DOZING OFF.

Sir: I call on all loyal readers of the Line to yawn in unison with me as I lethargically per-form my tiresome duty of informing them that Good & Proper have just started operating a truck service in Hammond. Somnolently. CHEM

"NEBRASKA Ewe Created Production Record-Practically Unassisted."-Omaha World-Heradl.

The negligible male! BOSTON PAPERS PLEASE COPY.

[From the Scott County, Ind., Journal.] For Sale-New Guinea Butter Bean seed, the great vegetable wonder. This bean grows 3 to 6 feet long and weighs 10 to 16 lbs. Per pkt. 25c. Mrs. M. L. Rice. Variant of the Valve Handle Wheeze.

[From the Milwaukee Sentinel.] The following communication was read by Secretary O. J. Schenck at the Tuesday meet-

ing of the Milwaukee Real Estate board: Secretary of the Milwaukee Real Estate board. Dear Sir: I see where your board has a committee for high rent. landlord rased my rent from \$15 dollars to \$10 dollars which I think is profiteering and I wanted to report to you that it is a flat and he wanted to report to you that it is a hat and he lives downstairs. Now I would like to have you see him and tell him that it is too much. If you will please do that and then send me your charges which should not be more than \$2 dollars. His name is Wilhelm Schmidt and he lives downstairs at 1204 36 street. I live

upstairs, 1204½. Yours truly.

G. E. Schellermann.

P. S.—Nevermind. He just sold the place and the new landlord says I can stay for \$16."

"DON'T kill your wife with hard work. Use electrical appliances."-Adv.

Shocking! WASHING HIS HANDS OF THE UNIVERSE. As not being interested in any enterprise bearing my name, I am not to be held liable for anything. Robert W. A. Meinung.

The Third Perfect Synonym. Sir: Lost two balls Sunday during my first golf round of the season. Please send immediately that ball suggested by "Camillus" as prize for discovery of the third perfect synonym: Weekly heb domadal. CADDY.

Sir: May I not inquire if the third perfect

synonym is "decayed" for rotten? I thank you A. C. D.

SMALL TOWN CHESS. [From the Wabash Times-Star.]

O. E. Clemmer has moved his shoe repair shop and feed store into the Wm. Pinkerton building and A. S. Crawford has moved his harness shop into the building vacated by Clemmer. As soon as possible, the building that Mr. Clemmer vacated on Main street will be moved to John Banister's farm and serve the purpose of a "fishing bungalow" and Mr. Crawford will move his building he purchased onto the lot on Main street. Mr. Mason will then build a new building to be used as a garage on this lot.

WHEN the democratic party starts sliding down Bill Bryan's dry plank-ouch! CCULTURAL EXCITEMENT IN TEXAS.

[From the Alice News.]
The lesson was lead by Mr. Byron Johnston with the following program: Roll Rall. "Is Culture or Knowledge the higher aim in litera-

The Best Policy. Sir: I asked the injured man how long he thought he would be laid up. He said he fig-ured he would be permanently disabled for six

WHAT WAS THE PEEVE? [From the Denver Post.]

John Leo Stack was hot at a stag luncheon in the D. A. C. Friday in compliment to James Brennan. HELLO, Mars! How's the boy? B. L. T.

By Arthur Brooks Baker CHARLES CARROLL BELDEN.

There is a large and urgent need for men of Belden's kind, of high and lofty sentiments, of clear and cogent mind. He often disapproves he way his fellow mortals act and tries to work a few reforms with craftsmanship and tact; for goodness knows, however strong we make our front and bluff, it's seldom Omaha can say it's fully good enough.

The ordinary mortals are a rough and reckless bunch. Their minds are rarely higher than level of their lunch. When enterprising gentlement conspire to get their tin, they put some novel trimmings on some old and trusty sin, and righteous conduct might become exremely hard to find except for the Y. M. C. A., or Belden and his kind.

But merit is not all confined to conduct oure and chaste. It's also found in dry goods wrought with artistry and taste. In Mr. Belden's market place the ladies find the gear to make them even more and more desirable and dear. Though nature with the help of God was given quite a start, she cannot suitably compare with modern works of art. So let us vote for C. C. Belden's flourishing

success in furthering the beauty of the local ladies' dress; and give approval signified by plaudits loud and warm to efforts made for social and municipal reform. When everything s orderly as German apple pie, we'll proudly stand before the world to meet the critic's eye. Next subject: W. Farnam Smith.

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

SELLING HEALTH.

The state board of health of Mississippi recently has made a demon-stration of the possibility of selling health to the people of Lee county. They decided that there was no great lifference between selling health and selling a breakfast food or selling a patent medicine and that the methods effective for one should work

In Mississippi there are about 2,000,000 people, all of whom live in he country or in towns, villages, and few cities of 20,000 to 30,000. Practically all the people speak Eng-lish, there having been no immigration from without the United States during the last 70 years. The state recently had gone through a successful campaign to eradicate tick fever from its live stock, but during he campaign the violent antis had dynamited stock-dipping vats.

On every public road entering the county the county commissioners rected welcoming arches, reading Welcome to Lee County, the Model and every warning post for curve or railroad track bore a health lesson The merchants of Tupelo, the principal town, paid for these posts. Each post carried the advertisements of two merchants as well as the health precept.

In other words, the merchants paid for heir usual road advertising and added to its attractiveness by carrying a health text. The report by Dr. Chaillos Cross stated that this orm of advertising proved so popu lar that the merchants wanted to use more of it than there were roads curves, hills and tracks to make places for signs.

A circus came to town, and the directors made a trade by which they were allowed to plaster the led an mals with health plus circus signs. For instance, an elephont was labeled, "The two biggest things in the South. Me and the Lee County Model Health Campaign." They gave noving picture shows and ran i health teachings on the screen be ween acts. They held public meet ings and gave lectures and exhibited at the county fair. Among the signs on mileposts

WEFE LIESE:

GOOD ROADS, GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

HEALTH, THE COUNTRY'S BEST ADVERTISEMENT.

HEALTH OUR GREATEST ASSET.

TAKE THE RIGHT ROAD TO HEALTH.

CLEAN UP AND KEEP CLEAN.

A LITTLE PRECAUTION MAY ADD YEARS.

COLLECT YOUR THREE SCORE

EARS.
COLLECT YOUR THREE SCORE
EARS AND TEN.
SLEEP WITH YOUR WINDOWS OPEN.
EVERY HOME PROPERLY SCREENED

YOU ARE NOT GERM PROOF, WAKE BREATHE THROUGH YOUR NOSE.
FLIES, HOW LONG SHALL WE EAT
TOGETHER? TOGETHER?
WHEN ONE IS SICK KEEP OTHERS
AWAY.
COVER YOUR MOUTH WHEN YOU
COUGH.
WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE HANDLING FOOD.
CARELESS SPIETTING DLING FOOD.
CARELESS SPITTING SPREADS CONSUMPTION.
SHARE THE ROAD, YOU CANNOT BE HEALTHY ALONE.
PROTECT OTHERS FROM DISEASE AND DEMAND PROTECTION.
DECLARE WAR ON FLIES AND MOSQUITOES.
BETTER MILK. BETTER BABIES,
BETTER CITIZENS.
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THE COUNTRY NEEDS YOU,
PRECAUTION PAYS.
DON'T FLIRT WITH DEATH.
ESTBALISH GOOD HABITS.
DON'T MORTGAGE YOUR LIFE.
COLDS ARE CONTAGIOUS.
KILL EVERY FLY.
BUILD SANITARY PRIVIES.
POLLUTE NOT THE SOIL.
DEMAND CLEAN MILK.
FILTH FILES FEVER PILTH, FLIES, FEVER.
DEMAND SANITARY SCHOOLS.

At the time of the report they ha made a health survey of 2,712 homes, spotted them on the maps, and recorded every illness among members of the families during the last five years; examined 8,907 sons for hookworm and treated all those found infected; constructed 827 sanitary privies, vaccinated 200 against typhoid fever; examined 1,100 school children; controlled an epidemic of scarlet fever; inspected 600 business houses and distributed 30,000 pieces of health literature.

The Bee's Letter Box

Sutton, Neb., April 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: At the close of and marry as God intended. Supthe Civil war a few of the late re- pose they want to farm. a prohibitive price on land, and in Nebraska over 50 per cent of the cruits, those who served but a year or less, started a propaganda for bonuses. Nearly all these had had farmers are tenants. land on which God intended them to big bounties or big sums as substimultiply and replenish the earth in the hands of speculators and swiveltutes. By a persistent offort on their part a large majority of the ex-sol-diers were enlisted in this undertakchair artists of the cities. It would be and is, perfectly natural that this ing to get big bonuses. Members of young couple would suggest that no congress were cajoled and frightened man should own any into favoring the measure and finally a bill was passed allowing this raid on the United States Leasury. Grant

was then president and when the measure came up before him for approval, he promptly vetoed it. The veterans of that war got \$100 bounty and were satisfied with it. The discharged men of the late war have already had \$60 and served from 60 days to 18 months. Many of the Civil war veterans served 41.2 years. Only a few of the late war oldiers were over on the firing line. Their pay was \$30 per month and raions of fresh beef, soft bread and, when in cantonments, good, dry bunks and blankets and Red Cross

girls to pass candy and cigarets. The veterans of the Civil war got \$13 per month and "sow belly" and Bee for the last 20 years, I take the "hard tack" bread made out of "Con-liberty to ask you to grant a little

mell' from musty wheat. We have heard lots about the fight in Argonne forest. Contrasting with I want to this take "The Bloody Angle" in way. For rant's Seven Days' Battle in the talk has been made by water power Wilderness when, from the morning advocates regarding the waste of May 9, 1864, to the evening of the water power in this state. 12th, the toll of death on both sides not contradict these men, but shall was 36,000. At Cold Harbor on the give my 10 years' experience in this morning of June 3, the assault was state with actual water power. renewed again and in the brief space these 10 years 1 got quite familiar of half an hour nearly 12,000 Union with the conditions of the water in soldiers fell, dead or wounded, before the Confederate intrenchments, those in the middle part. First, Since the beginning of this campaign the losses of this army reached the Loup below Columbus to Fre-the enormous aggregate of 60,000 mont. men."-Ridpath's History of the

United States, page 721 a new bond issue to pay these laterday bonuses? The very threat of this sudden call has forced United States Liberty bonds down under 87 per cent. The attention of these young soldiers-all of whom are young and able to work and get a living like other people—is called to the fact that many of the Civil war veterans voluntarily suspended their pensions to help the government win

Home Owners and Land Values. Lincoln, Neb., April 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: There was a good, an excellent editorial in your paper today concerning the American home.

philosophers, preachers, editors and political econmists all agree that the home is the foundation of a nation. One of Ingersoll's many truthful sayings was this: "No man will shoulder a house." A nation of home-owners is unconquerable. A nation of tenants cares not who is master.

In spite of all the gilded phrases and flowery sermons about the home, what is our government doing to preserve the very foundation on

Here are some of the conditions



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They find the more land

than he can cultivate himself and occupancy should be one of the conditions of ownership. But when they suggest an idea that is as natural and truthful as the laws of na-ture, they would bring down upon themselves the condemnation of the whole body politic. For, do you not see, it would hurt business, and business, you know, comes before the home. So let us quit extolling the virtues of home and turn our perpowers towards painting, gilding and refining the great modern god, BUSINESS.

SILAS TURNER. Nebraska Water Power.

Omaha, April 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: Being a reader of The space in the Letter Box regarding the water power of the state, which discuss in an unbiased in way. For several years considerable the rivers of the state, especiall shall take the Platte from the mouth

There is no place between these two cities, where a successful power How about the \$5,000,000,000 and plant could be established because

there are no banks on this river where the water could be backed by a dam. It would flood thousands of acres of low land by building a dam only two feet above the water level. The Loup river below the junction of the North, Middle and South Loup forms a good body of water. The logical place to tap this river would be below Fullerton, somewher-close to Merchiston. A dam constructed across at that point would have to be of reinforced concrete, and at low estimate would cost a present time about \$70,000. Take 16 feet below to the solid bed of the river. Next would be water race, which would have to be about seven miles long to gain a head of 17 feet The race will need to be 14 feet deep and 12 feet wide. Present cost for digging and reinforced concrete would be \$18 per lineal foot, which would make a total cost of \$322,640. Now head gates with steel piling another \$10,000 wheel pit with two 48-inch turbines, \$20,000. A grand total of \$410,000. Now we have a head, capable to develop

about 400 horsepower. Would we now have a system which could be relied upon for every day or every hour of the night, with-out interruption? I say no. The Loup river carries in its waters three gallons of sand to every 50 gallons f water, and inside of three months the costly water race would be filled up with sand, not leaving enough power to turn a wheel. Can the settling of the sand be overcome So far, not with the Loup. editor of The Bee will give this let-ter space, I will take on the Elkhorn and Niebrara next and their possibilities for power plants JOHN X. HANSALAER.

A Safe Bet. We do not believe President Wilon will go to Europe to frame another one.-Pittsburg Gazette Times.

The man or woman who constantly seeks amusement will some day find there is nothing to amus surfeit of pleasure starves the ul.—Waco Times-Herald.



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