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- 3. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pave-ment of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
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City Manager form of Government.

THE METHODIST GENERAL

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which meets at Des Moines, Ia, tomorrow for a session of several weeks, is the general legislative body of that church. It meets every four years, and is composed of ministerial and lay delegates from every conference of the church in the world, and naturally includes in its membership the most distinguished men and women in Methodismwomen having been admitted to its councils some twelve years or more ago. The delegates come from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and South America, as well as from North America.

All its delegates are selected by the subordinate conferences by ballot, and spirited contests arise over various issues upon which many of the delegates are directly instructed by their home conferences. A surprising amount of business is done by this great church body, which possesses legislative, judicial and in some directions executive powers. It elects bishops in whatever number its judgment approves, and also editors of its church papers and managers for its great book concerns. It decides boundaries, adopts policies, and controls discipline throughout the denomination. This year, as in the years of former meetings, an effort is being made to remove the explicit prohibition of certain amusements condemned by the church some forty years ago, among them being card playing, dancing and theater-going.

The bishops take turns in presiding over the deliberations of the conference. At former meetings a conference daily paper has been issued, containing all the proceedings, speeches, reports, etc., with greater accuracy than the steady growth of home owning, but the main Congressional Record records the doings of check has been the cost of building. High congress, for the conference Advocate does not print speeches that were never uttered. It is potent in restraining the man of limited means hoped the scarcity of paper and labor will not interfere this year with this invaluable church record.

Des Moines will entertain an organization of great learning, dignity and world-wide importance and influence, whose decisions will be felt in every country and clime where the religion of Jesus Christ has a foothold.

Seizure of Saghalien.

One of the odd developments of the Far Eastern situation is that Japan at last has come into possession of part of the loot taken but not held in the war with Russia. When the Portsmouth peace conference was held, an incident of the settlement was the disposition of Saghalien, which island dominates the Sea of Okhotsk. It was then held by the Japanese, and the final adjustment was to award the southern half of the island to Japan, the northern to Russia. Its present possession, together with that of the outlaying islands, already held by Japan, places that country in control not only of the littoral of the Sea of Okhotsk, but practically of the northwestern Pacific, bringing the Japanese into touch with the United States on Behring's Sea. Kamschatka still is part of Siberia, and presumably Russian, but as the Japanese already control Korea and the island of Saghalien, and have occupied a considerable part of the coast territory held by Russia, it is easy to conceive the extension of their authority over the so-called Maritime Provinces, and Kamschatka, and thus be separated from the United States by the scant nine miles of water that sweep through Behring's Strait. The Aleutian isles, which carry our possessions well into the eastern hemisphere, may yet take on a considerable greater importance than has hitherto been given them. If the matter progresses as it well may, we must cease to think of Japan as a neighbor distant by many thousand miles of ocean travel, and realize that our little brown brother may look over his own fence right into our back yard. The problem of the Pacific is losing a great deal of its simplicity.

The Never Ending Quest.

In quest of happiness an ex-convict 70 years old threw a brick into a plate glass store window, entered and stole a pair of rubber boots, after which he lingered at the scene of his crime for a policeman. "I want to go back to the penitentiary to die," he said when arrested. "There is no work for an old man. I spent many happy, comfortable years in the pen, and I want to go back there. I want to die happy in a cell."

Die happy in a cell! Why not? What is happiness? "A state of well-being characterized by relative permanence; freedom from irksome cares;" which is exactly what the judge gave this old man when he sentenced him to ten years. The reader may well be shocked by such a conception of happiness, with all its implications of wasted opportunities, failures and hardships. But where content abides, where there is mental ease and quieture, with freedom from anxiety or agitation, the unfortunate of the earth find their nearest approach to true happiness. Security-a roof and warmth in winter. with the specter of hunger forever banishedmeant happiness to the old convict "He that is happy doth know and judge himself to be so," said Coleridge We cannot go behind the returns in the convict's case He is happy, poor fellow; and we who are without penitentiary walls, who have never known the bitterness of march!

disgrace, go about the streets discontented, seeking what the criminal has found! We shrink from the confinement he welcomes, but with that confinement he finds a freedom from care and anxiety worth more to him than the personal liberty we prize so highly.

"You'd Be Surprised."

You'll be surprised at things said by Count Ilya Tolstoy at Louisville recently, recounted by the Courier-Journal. Through a window of the Hotel Henry Watterson floated the notes of a saxaphone to the strains of "You'd Be Surprised." The count was, Also he was indignant. But not non-resistant, although pacifist and enemy of force like his father Leo, "the" Count Tolstoy. The dance music set him wild. He whirled around and ejaculated condemnation of jazz notes and decadence generally in music, art and philosophy, as evidence of the world's "moral decay and underlying social rottenness."

Then he lit into the late William Shakespeare, "the evil genius of English literature," to quote his words. "I hate him," he cried; "brutality from the beginning to the end of his works. . . "glorification of war and violence." This is hard on the immortal bard who wrote:

O war! thou son of hell, Whom angry heavens do make their minister.

"The purple testament of bleeding war" is a hideous thing. "Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won," said the Duke of Wellington. But every great moral and political advance the world has made was through blood. War was the midwife that presided at the birth of American liberty and independence. The end of slavery came as an incident of war. Christ himself, whom Tolstoy takes as the exemplar of his life, said to his apostles: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword."

But the visiting son of his father is not all wrong. Jazz is not music. It is just noise, the crude efforts of barbarians who cannot appreciate harmony in sounds or art in colors, but love to paint their bodies grotesquely and to assault their ears with weird and harsh discords.

Home Shortage in Omaha.

A study made by the Chamber of Commerce committee on housing finds that Omaha is just now minus 1,000 homes that are needed for the accommodation of its citizens. This condition is not peculiar here, for almost every city in the United States is experiencing a similar shortage, due to cessation of building while the war was on and the unusual influx of inhabitants. The remedy, of course, is more building. In Omaha the plan is to give assistance to those who want to put up houses to live in. The prospective builder will be aided in his reasonable undertaking, and to the end that he will be made a permanent citizen, independent of the landlord and the vicissitudes of house hunting. It deserves support. Omaha has long been a city of home owners. Once it had rank very close to the proud position occupied by Philadelphia at the top. Erection of apartment houses has had some effect on the prices for sites and for material have been more than anything else, and really have played into the hands of the apartment house owners. This is obvious, but it is equally plain that if the Chamber of Commerce will come forward with a scheme whereby the man with a little money and a steady job can secure a home for himself and family, it will soon find customers in plenty.

The Case for the Teacher.

One of the encouraging facts in connection with the public schools is that folks are coming to realize that the teacher is a human being, and subject to all the material conditions that determine and control existence for a normal man or woman. It took some time for this to percolate into the popular mind.

Somehow folks had imbibed the notion that the school teachers of the land were a peculiar tribe or institution, whose needs were not those of ordinary mortals, and, such as they were, supplied even as was the prophet of old when he fled to hide in the mountains from the wrath of the king. Now they know that in addition to the special and expert training insisted upon by the efficiency committees of the board of education, essential to qualified fitness, and a natural adaptability that can not be acquired, the teacher also has creature wants that must be provided for in order that proper service can be rendered.

A teacher must eat, must be housed, and must be carefully clothed. Note, we do not say expensively, because it is understood that garb of any kind, from overalls to organdie, is costly these days. All this knowledge has come as did the presence of the angel in Ben Adhem's tent, "with a great awakening light."

The committee of the National Educational association finds a shortage of 100,000 teachers. Allowing thirty pupils to a teacher, this means that 3,000,000 school children are now deprived of the training they ought to have because the wages paid the teachers were not enough and they went into other employment in order that they might have means to live. 'Just what this means anyone who thinks can answer for himself. It is a blow at the foundation of the temple of good citizenship, for the public school is the cornerstone of the republic.

Only in one way can the situation be remedied, and that is by paying decent wages to the school teachers. More money for buildings and sites, for frills and fancies, is provided by the public on request. The crying need, the imperative demand, is for greater allowance for the pay roll, and until it is met the schools are

Brother Charley Bryan is shaking salt into the democratic wound, in apparent disdain of the fact that an election is to be held in Nebraska next fall.

If the profiteer hunt had been as vigorous six months ago as now, a different ending might have been written.

As soon as Mr. Weeghman gets the Chicago bill of fare tamed, he will find a warm welcome in Omaha.

The navy is now undergoing its real test. Josephus Daniels has shoved off for a cruise.

idea of Americanism. Americans, fall in! Forward, guide right,

Watch the marching columns today for an

A Line O' Type or Two

THE most interesting news of the day now comes from the gathering of scientists in Washngton. The electron has lost its distinction of

Speaking of Burleson-Sir: Here is a little thing from the Koran: "A ruler who appoints any man to an office, when there is in his dominions another man

better qualified for it, sins against God and against the state." F. G. W. WITH both Edwards and Bryan in the Democratic convention the show will be well worth attending. We'll wager 5 to 4 on Bryan. ADD FAMOUS DATES.

From the Fort Madison Democrat.) May 1 has been set for "low shoe" day in Fort Madison, according to announcecity. The low shoe is recognized as ideal footwear in the seasons when it can be worn with safety. Ordinarily the adoption of low shoes is made earlier than this time of the year, but due to the late spring this year it has been necessary to defer the fixing of the date.

MR. ALESSANDRI, candidate for president of Chile, promises that if elected he will try to be another Woodrow Wilson. You say it.

Skeptical.

Sir: How many strokes do you take per round to reduce your circumference by July 1? He sold his property for what he government pension and so helping cases elevators.

Of course, with daylight saving, and having a could get and again mounting his and aiding to uphold the ideals you the saving. Of course, with daylight saving, and having a million people doing your work for you, you can get in a lot of golf by July 1; but at that, the old club must fly around like a flail at threshing time to produce the results you claim. Myself, with plenty of warm weather, and being off my game all summer, as I always am, can tighten up one hole by Dec. 1. Better improve your game and keep your circumference.

P. S.: Please disregard above, as it occurs to me that you probably use a full swing in and most important is his long lived putting.

E. F. stock. He belongs to a "race of men

WHILE Mr. Landsberg is waiting for the who rarely fell by the wayside short clouds to roll by he might let out his brewing plants to the army of home brewers, who at present are messing up the kitchen and cellar.

SMALL TOWN STUFF. (From the Dallas City News.)

Last Friday Mrs. Scott discovered a log being repeatedly driven by the wind and waves against the sea wall at Willow Beach. Terry Ank, of Pontcoosuc, happened along and learned that Mrs. Scott wished to hire some one to tie a line on the log and tow it away from the wall. Terry being an experienced river man, and an expert swim-mer, undertook and accomplished the difficult task, with no harm to himself.

"PERSONAL-Middle-aged gentleman will drive to San Francisco in a few days. Will take tox, Va., to Georgia, and immedia person with no charge."—Loz Onglaze Times. ately thereafter from Georgia to Preferably, we conjecture, a middle-aged Mexico

A GLUTTON FOR AUTHENTIC INSTANCES. Sir: Before booze becomes a mere tradition rum hounds tell of examples of pure health pays. "Cold, sober judgment "so old it had the consistency of syrup." admonished me that it was rational whisky "so old it had the consistency of syrup." Discovered three quarts of absinthe in my cel- and noble to study and practice the lar, and one bottle rewards the "authentic in- laws of health and teach their les- not eating, say, for one month.

ward out of the public conveyance.

The Ultra Amelita. (From the Manson, Ga., Democrat.) Madame Galli-Curci appeared on a stage in the center of the great coliseum, with over six thousand people in front of her, below her, above her and all around her. Only she and the concert grand piano and her accompanist were on the stage. In a simple evening gown, not too decollette, and in which red was the predominating color, characteristics are ultra-Italianesque, with her wealth of jet black hair rolled over her ears and falling down over an ivory-white neck almost to a pair of perfect shoulders, the contour of which Venus herself might envy. The full chest and neck development, a result of years of vocal training, was a prominent feature. Full, red lips, sparkling black eyes, a nose of ample dimensions, yet a not unpleasant characteristic, slender, tapering jaws and a coquettish poise of the head completed the picture of an attractive woman as well as one talented beyond any who has appeared in the later years on the world's stage of songe

"SERVICE in Commercial club rooms 10:45. Subject tomorrow, 'Prohibition after death.'"lanesville Gazette. Is there no balm in Gilead?

EVERYBODY SING.

Sir: The marriage of Mr. Worth W. Long and Miss Lucille Heighway, of Akron, Ind., is announced. "There's a long, long trail awinding."

P. V. D.

1. An Soda ...
"2. Is at tacks?
"2. Is it possif dose?
"3. Would the

TO Dorothy: Don't be discouraged by Dou- acid?' ble Blunderbuss. Write some more verses. We know of two men who have fallen desperately in love with you.

THE A-B-C'S.

Sir: Every once in a while somebody breaks 2. It is not easy to take an over-forth into eulogy over the good work done in dose of soda. Full doses cause purtheir day by the dead languages, but never is a kind word of praise bestowed on the living 2. Yes, indirectly, as suggested in a-b-c's. Despite the slight, the a-b-c's uncom-plainingly, plod their weary way, minding their p's and q's and asking of those who use the alphabet only two things: dots for the i's and crosses for the t's-two wholly reasonable re-

Literature owes to the a-b-c's everything that t is, yet nowhere from Chaucer to Lardner does there appear a recognition of the alphabetic debt. Yes, and without the alphabet, where would acrostics be? How, without initials, could the Smiths or the Joneses be conveniently iden-tified? More important still, how, without the aid of the alphabet, could little children ever know what was meant by their deceitful parents who, instead of being open and aboveboard in conversation, slyly refer to a well-known com-modity as "c.a.n.d.y?" To be sure, in the case of people who stutter there is some justification for complaint against the treatment they receive from b's, I's, m's, p's and b's, but such people should not for a moment forget that the impediment letters do frequently prevent the speaking of hasty words, even if they infringe the right to freedom of speech guaranteed by the Constitution.

In view, therefore, of the inconsiderate treatment from which the a-b-c's have in the past suffered, it seems only fair to give them now their due. And, while their heaviest debtors are engaged in making a proper acknowledgment, the rest of us ought to give the alphabet some little recognition, say, twenty

CONAN DOYLE told an audience the other day that there are snow-white mediums whose hands are clean. Not here, Watson. Asides.

F. W. B.: Can't say; don't belong. G.: 4.90, subject to the fluctuations of exchange.

Jeanne: Trop complique; try something simpler.
K. N.: We're not much at compiling book

O. W.: Plain prose is more effective. Prospero: Needlessly restrained. There are times in writing when restraint is not a virtue. "WINTHROP avenue-To rent-Large double front room; hard to find; near, lake."-What is your conclusion, Watson?

And He Lives Right Up to It. Sir: It may interest you to know that our mail boy's name is Julian Crawl. ADVANCE-RUMELY CO., Inc.

AMATEUR hootch-makers should take advantage of the invitation of the Malt Marrow concern, whose sign reads: "Still at your serv-A USEFUL DECORATION.

(From the Fairfield Journal.) Lost—I lost my glass eye at the postoffice. Finder please return to Box 75. need my glass eye, as I no longer have the SUBMITTED without comment: Propheter sells potatoes in Sterling.

FORECAST of the Supreme Court decision: Dry, 5; wet, 4.

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

OVER 90. BUT STILL YOUNG. Dr. Robert Gray of Chiapas, Mexico, who is over 90 years old and being the smallest unit. According to Doc expects to live to be 100, writes me Langmuir you can pour a quart or two of "quantels" into an electron.

Southern of Purioscon.

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Southern of Purioscon. slippered pantaloon" stage, holding on to life by sort of dazed, half-dead, spasmodic embrace. He is working hard at the practice of medicine.

"I have been having a hell of a time." he writes, "alone in an epidemic of influenza in a city under siege blockade-one that was sacked by the rebels lately. All the doctors fled, and I have weathered the gale in an epidemic of influenza for two months that would have taxed young man to the limit of endur-

Dr. Gray practiced medicine in the southern part of the United States on a "miasmatic slave plantation." confederate army as a field surgeon. With the surrender of Lee he rode horseback from Appomattox to his ime in Georgia.

Arriving at his home, he found that all of his male relatives had een killed in the confederate army, his home having been in the track of Sherman's march to the sea, his died of "diphtheria and destitution. war horse rode away to Mexico.

Chiapas is the southernmost state in Mexico, lying next to Honduras and Guatemata and near the sixteenth parallel. People are not supposed to be long lived in tropical ountries. To what can be attributed Dr. Gray's vigor at 90, "with rea sonable prospects of reaching the summit of five score years?" stock. He belongs to a "race of men

Second in importance, in his esmilk. "Clabber milk never was absent from the table, and its use continues until this late day. Metchni-koff once wrote me that I was on a

he confederate army, followed his horseback ride from Appomat-

Temperate living is another factor. the fact that they received pension EX-SERVICE MAN, A. E. F. He writes, "Family law inexorably exacted temperate living." He is of the opinion that living the laws of SAVE your postage. We have heard the story about the two ladies who walked backward out of the public convents ward out of the public convents who walked backsults whenever native vice was not candy and desserts, and other foods inimically deadly. Normal humanity, made from sugar. a stranger to current vice, is in nune to disease, with the possible days of life unnumbered. Furtherwitness the tone of the various quo- me how I can gain in weight.

sacked city during an epidemic of with olive oil would help fill it out." influenza that would have taxed a young man; hopeful, expecting to live to be a hundred at least, with meals eat a sugared cereal with much to be bitter about, but bitter cream. about nothing. And, finally, a grouchy old bachelor comments:
"Easy. He didn't have a wife to worry him to death," for Dr. Gray remained loyal to the memory of the weetheart of his youth.

On Creating Asthma.

Mrs. E. F. writes: "My little faughter, 12, is subject to asthmatic spells caused often by certain foods o which she is sensitive. Most of these we know, having had her inoculated, and avoid, but frequently her attacks come from an acid condition. We can alleviate and often cure this by giving her about 30 grains of soda bicarbonate a day. Will you kindly tell me — "1. Can soda be given regularly to

"2. Is it possible to give an over-"3. Would the constant use of it lessen its powers to neutralize the

REPLY. 1. When soda is taken it stimulates the production of acid. Given persistently, it causes a persisting

3. Yes, indirectly, as suggested in L suggest that you read an article by Gottlieb in the Journal of the American Medical Association for April 3, 1920.

Will They Demonstrate? Miss A. S. writes: "Some people say eating does not make a person fatter. If it does, how can one keep

REPLY. Suppose you ask some who are of

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One Veteran to Another. of economic forces today we find Grand Island, Neb., Aprill 28,— that there is great need for con-To the Editor of The Bee: In your paper of April 26, 1920, Dr. M. V. Clark argued the right of the bonus for the members of the world weakness in our present railway sit. We want it owned and operated for the members of the world were and consumer. Clark argued the right of the bonus for the members of the world war army and navy. He argued from his standpoint as I presume a civil war veteran, good and well. He argued with a weapon he must admit is out of date and if my memory don't fail me if was more than \$13 a month those veterans got. I would like to call Dr. Clark's attention to the fact that hand in hand with a monthly compensation the veteran of the civil war received land homestead equal to the request which is laid down in the bill introduced to congress in this session. In those days \$13 went a long way, yea farther than \$60 would in these In those days \$13 went a long way, yea farther than \$60 would in these days and \$100 bounty at that time days and \$100 bounty at that time sumer broadened 100 per cent and tain their administrative efficiency than one

the bonus question in discussion than you wanted a person to read in it. Your last sentence shows a point of heroism and you wanted recognition for it. Well, if I was in favor of this administration I sure would recommend you for the D. would recommend you for the D. S. M., inasmuch as you have shown mother, sisters and his afflanced had patriotism and self denial in a heroic act as suspending voluntarily your fought for in 1861-1865, from 1917-1918. BERT BAHR. World War Veteran.

Bonuses and Pensions

Dr. Clark's letter in regard to the Boards of Trade with a view of exsoldiers bonus bill: After the rev- tending their legitimate functions clutionary war soldiers got from \$8 and preventing their abuse. to \$12 per month pension, about \$25 margins between the producer and now-a-days, land grants, etc. Indian consumer is always a measure of war veterans received \$8, \$12 and hazard and the abuses of exchange \$20 per month, and veterans of the lie in the manipulation of their pro-Mexican war the same. Civil war cesses to create artificial prices veterans, who served 90 days or speculation and it is within more, get up to \$30 per month and power of the speculator to climinate many a man was paid large boun-tles to enlist, records show up to to enlist, records show up to \$1,000. No such a thing in this war when called or even bewhey as well as the coagulated
selids. It is popular in the rural districts, especially in the south Presumably Dr. Gray always has amount to \$222,159,292.70, ndulged in out of doors exercise, numbers now on roll 624.42 numbers now on roll 624.427. The though he does not say so. Witness the four years as a field surgeon in the confederate army, followed by

The nation never has believed that the giving of this compensation squared its debt of gratitude to service men. Members of the G. A. R. were always honored in spite of

Regulating the Railways.
Omaha, April 26,—To the Editor
of The Bee: Amid the complex flow

Eat, Sleep, Quit Worrying. A. writes: "1. As I am thin. more, work and hope are factors, as, would like to know if you could tell "2. I have rather a bony neck and The only physician in a blockaded, would like to know if massaging it

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days and \$100 bounty at that time bought F imagine more than one suit of clothes in our days.

So, Mr. Clark, I believe your argument carried more for the good of the bonus question in discussion than the bonus question in discussion than the bonus question in discussion than the bonus question in the read in it. certain concerns and stifle free competition. Much of the same results in control of stock yards and in some

The usual remedy for this situation is insistence that the railways shall provide ample rolling stock, trackage and terminals to take care of the annual peak load. We need Oakland, Neb., April 27.—To the an exhaustive, economic and prac-Editor of The Bee: Referring to tical investigation into our great

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and keep out of national and local operations in the sense of complet service to the community

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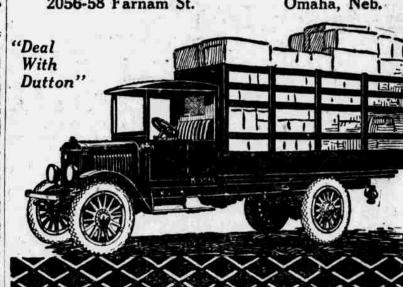


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