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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.
4. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
5. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

THE METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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 Methodism—women 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.

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.

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 my happy, comfortable years in the pen, and I want to go back there. I want to die happy in a cell."

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 he prize so highly.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Our Veteran to Another.
Grand Island, Neb., April 23.—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 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 He argued with a weapon he must admit is out of date and if my memory don't fail me it was more than 13 1/2 months those veterans got.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 \$12 went a long way farther than \$60 would in these days and \$100 would at that time bought \$1 imagine more than one suit of clothes in our days.

Second in importance, in his estimation, I take it, is the use of sour milk. "Clabber milk never was absent from the table, and its use continued until this late day. Maternal kaff once wrote me that I was on a journey of 200 years." Clabber is a soured milk containing all the what it does not say so. Witness the laws of health and teach their lessons in the professional treatment of suffering humanity. A labor of love that has produced pleasing results wherever it has been tried, but imitatively deadly. Normal humanity, a stranger to current vice, is immune to disease, with the possible exception of the venereal. Further, more work and hope are factors, as witness the tone of the various quotations.

On Creating Asthma.
Mrs. E. F. writes: "My little daughter, 12, is subject to asthmatic spells caused often by certain foods to which she is sensitive. Most of these we know, having had her inoculated, and avoid, but frequently her attacks come during the winter. 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 prevent attacks?
2. Is it possible to give an overdose?
3. Would the constant use of it lessen its powers to neutralize the acid?"
REPLY:
1. When soda is taken it stimulates the production of acid. Given persistently, it causes a persisting acid condition.
2. It is not easy to take an overdose of soda. Full doses cause purgation, which gets rid of the excess.
3. Yes, indirectly, as suggested in 1. I suggest that you read an article by Gottlieb in the Journal of the American Medical Association for April 2, 1920.

Will They Demonstrate?
Miss A. S. writes: "Some people say eating does not make a person fat. If it does, how can one keep thin?"
REPLY:
Suppose you ask some who are of that opinion to prove their point by eating, say, for one month. To get thin, eat less, particularly less bread and other food made from wheat, oats, rye, corn and rice, less candy and desserts, and other foods made from sugar.
Eat, Sleep, Quit Worrying.
A. writes: "I, as I am thin, I would like to know if you could tell me how I can gain in weight."
REPLY:
I have rather a bony neck and would like to know if massaging it with olive oil would help fill it out."
REPLY:
1. In addition to your regular meals eat a sugared cereal with cream. Supper just before retiring helps. Sleep nine hours at night. Do not worry.
2. No.

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of economic forces today we find that there is great need for constructive thought with regard to the weakness in our present railway situation as bearing upon the farmer and consumer. Everyone knows of the annual shortage of cars during the crop moving season. Few people, however, appreciate that this shortage of cars amounts to a stricture in the free flow of commodities from the farmer to the consumer. The result is that the farmer, in order to sell his produce, often unknown to himself, makes a sacrifice in price owing to the local glut of the market, while the consumer at the other end is compelled to pay an increased price for foodstuffs owing to shortage of movement. As an effect of the car shortage in transportation of potatoes, we find a margin existing between the farmer and consumer broader than for the lack of cars at the present time it is reported that over 40 per cent of the entire crop of 1918 in Nebraska remains in hand and the farmers for the lack of cars to move the grain. Another factor in transportation is the control by food-manufacturing and marketing concerns of refrigeration and other types of cars. The result has been to build up the domination of certain concerns and stifle free competition. Much of the same results have been attained by special groups in control of stock yards and in some cases elevators.

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 an exhaustive, economic and practical investigation into our great roads. Trade with a view of extending their legitimate functions and preventing their abuse. Wide margins between the producer and consumer is always a measure of hazard and the burden of exchange in the manipulation of their processes to create artificial prices for speculation and it is within the power of the speculator to eliminate

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