

A Line O' Type or Two

New to the Line, let the type fall where they may.

SIGNOR IBANES would be pleased to know that at Spokane the other day, according to the Chronicle, "selections from Mary Nostrom were read by Mrs. Eugenia Stevens. THE CONVENTIONAL FIVE-YARDS START.

BROTHER WHIGHAM takes a lousy crack at some of the "enormities" of golf, No. 2 being "the horrible habit of counting scores and competing for silver pots on Saturday afternoons."

Sir: I listened for you while at dinner in a San Francisco restaurant which is patronized by fourth-rate actors, prize-fighters, their managers and trainers, chorus girls and their friends.

OR would you sooner trust your neck with John Skidmore, Auto Livery, Ogallala, Neb.?

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. The editor of the Standard, La. Dumas, Jack Dalton, you should have headed it, "Curses on you, Jack Dalton!"

The Demand for Authentic Instances. Sir: Two slightly dented 1916 campaign buttons, the countenance of Charles E. Hughes shining forth from one, and from the other the features that kept us out of war, to the individual who can produce an authentic instance of a face that actually stopped on eight-day clock.

Sir: I take this means of defying the world to produce an authenticated instance, witnessed by at least three competent and disinterested persons, of the genuineness of the knees when he proposes marriage to a woman.

Sir: I have been waiting for someone to advance the exploit in cases where the face is freshly shaven at the time of death, if the body is put in a dry place, the gradual drying of the skin causes it to shrink away, thus exposing the face from the nose down to the neck below the surface.

"THE president's recommendation will meet with the approval of Democrats, and I think that the national convention will adopt that line of procedure."—Senator Hitchcock.

AS THE MAYOR'S LADY REMARKED TO THE QUEEN OF BELGIUM, "YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL!"

Sir: Movie ad has a headline, "Millions of People Can Write Stories and Photoplays and Don't Know How." Judging from the number of photoplays, millions of people can't write stories and photoplays and don't know it.

TO avoid run-over lines, and thus to conserve white paper, we have been obliged to compress the following instrument of the Burials of Bryan. Admirers of Bryan will have no difficulty in supplying the missing words.

The Burials of Bryan. (By Dudley Reid, the Demon Bard.) When Parker was defeated . . . Wall Street plan.

And, sick and tired of . . . people asked a man.

And so they called . . . and once again he came.

And touched the . . . with eloquence and flame.

But tho' the cause . . . time was yet too soon.

THEY shot three times at Damad Ferid Pasha, and succeeded only in making him madder than ever.

IN WHICH YE ED OFFERS HIS ENGLISH DOGS AT A SACRIFICE. (From the Friend, Neb. Sentinel.)

For Sale—Two pair of oxords number seven, English last. One pair has new half soles and new rubber heels.

SPEAKING OF THE HIGH PRICE OF SUGAR— (From the Banker's Magazine.)

The increase in net earnings shown by the national banks in the past five and one-half years has amounted to more than the increase shown in the previous forty years.

SMALL TOWN STUFF. (From the Jefferson County, Wis. Ladies.)

THE music (St. Olaf's College Band) was pronounced uncommonly fine not only by the audience but by the great number of banqueters in the hall below.

SOONER than quit Fiume, D'Annunzio offers to blow himself up. All he needs is a pin.

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS

HEALTH BOOKS FOR LIBRARIES.

Abt—The Baby's Food (recipes for preparation of food for infants and children).

Alkoms—The Home Nurse's Handbook of Practical Nursing.

Balderson—Housewifery (a manual of practical housekeeping).

Bennett—Old Age (its cause and prevention).

Binet & Simon—Method of Measuring the Development of the Intelligence of Young Children.

Brewer—Rural Hygiene.

Bruce—Nerve Control and How to Gain It.

Cabot—A Layman's Handbook of Medicine (with special reference to social workers).

Cabot—Social Work (essays on the meeting ground of doctor and social worker).

Cornell—Health and Medical Inspection of Schools and Scholars.

Cromie—Keeping Physically Fit.

Davenport—Heredity in Relation to Eugenics.

Dorland—Illustrated Medical Dictionary, Indexed.

Dressler—School Hygiene.

Drummond—The Child, His Nature and Nurture.

Dudy—Good Health (how to get it and how to keep it).

Ellison—First Aid in Emergencies.

Ellis—The Task of Social Hygiene.

Evans—How to Keep Well.

Fisher & Fisk—How to Live.

Galbraith—Four Epochs of a Woman's Life.

Gardner—Public Health Nursing.

Gorham—Sanitation in Panama.

Groves—Care of the Baby.

Guick & Ayers—Medical Inspection of Schools.

Hawes—Tuberculosis.

Hawk—What We Eat and What Happens to It.

Head—Everyday Mouth Hygiene.

Healy—Honesty.

The Bee's Letter Box

The Flower Fund

Omaha, May 11.—To the Editor of The Bee: It has interested me greatly to note daily the minute additions to the flower memorial fund for the graves of our brave dead in France.

But does it not seem shameful that all of Nebraska has given but \$15 to date?

Can this mean that the patriotism is shriveled and pecuniarism has supplanted generosity?

Do the people realize what this small sum shows to the parents of dead boys?

It shows these suffering parents that their sacrifices are not appreciated.

Every person in Nebraska could donate to this fund, but it appears that the fund has so far been made up largely of donations from those who lost surely those who gave their boys should not be made to feel that their boys' lives were given and then forgotten by all.

Let us all give—if not the maximum amount—then a small sum, that there shall be no flowerless grave in France on this memorial day—one of the most memorable days in our history.

Sincerely yours with hopes that Nebraska proves that she is not a slacker in this.

C. J. WARREN.

How to Raise the Bonus. Grand Island, Neb., May 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. Heron has spoken in a language of older days; he came back at me with an argument 55 years of age.

No doubt they had a hard time those days. No doubt they struggled for their existence, but under which circumstance they had to live and what we have today.

At the end of the Civil war the land was destroyed and worthless for the coming year to farm.

But today we went into this war as the richest country in the world, yet our bankers in Wall street had money enough to loan it to the fighting European countries before we entered it, and able to do so after we came back with the laurel of the victors.

But those same men forgot their promises, forgot their praises for those boys who went over to make the "world free for democracy."

You speak of the welfare organizations during the war in a voice which sounds like romance.

You paint them in a way which would make out of war a pleasure trip to "belle Paris."

Well, Mr. Heron, between us stand a generation—a generation of life—a diversion of opinion, a different understanding of economic conditions, those which are natural and those which develop through our fault or rather these which we elected to govern and to represent us before the tribunal of the world and the eyes of our commercial competitors as well as in national supremacy.

One word more, Mr. Heron: You at least had applejack or "red eye," but all we had was red blood and sufficient of that. We went dry, while we were at work, but the question how to raise the fund for a soldier compensation is easily answered—give us back light wine and beer—and the tax from that is sufficient to help along a poor veteran with family and "no" home. And such conditions exist in this land of ours. The land of "the free and the brave."

BERT BARR.

Supply and Demand. The good old law of supply and demand works well until the same man arranges both.—Boston Herald.

The Only Difference. After mature deliberation we have reached the conclusion that the only difference between profiting and burglary is that the former is daylight robbery.—New Orleans State.

A Dusty Waiting. To the Honorable United States Supreme Court Justices: It's dusty the waiting, dusty!—Boston Globe.

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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 new-lease 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.

WHICH IS BETTER—BUSINESS OR POLITICS?

Witnesses in court are admonished to tell not merely "the truth and nothing but the truth" but "the whole truth" as well. This is recognition of the well-known fact, paradoxical though it may sound, that the truth is not always truthful. Half-truths are the great weapon of the adroit deceiver.

Thousands of post-cards have been circulated throughout Nebraska recently which purport to relate "The Truth about McKelvie's Code Bill." But the statements printed on these cards, being only half-truths, convey a totally misleading impression.

This insidious propaganda indicates that the administration of the state government under the new system has cost more than under the old, which suffered from a multiplicity of state boards, conflicts of authority, and lack of centered responsibility. This is true, but it is not the whole truth.

The whole truth is that, while the state is spending more money than heretofore, it is undertaking many new activities and is serving the people in many new fields.

For example, the post-card tabulation relates that under the old system the administration of the department of public works cost \$15,827 and under the new \$16,087. No mention is made of the fact that this department, during its operation under the new code, has supervised the expenditure of millions of dollars for road improvement, whereas under the former system its work was limited to hundreds of thousands.

What is true in this department is true elsewhere. Increased expenditures have come not from extravagance due to the method of administration prescribed by the new code, but because of increased undertakings of the state government, permitted and in most cases expressly directed, by act of the legislature. The mere expense of administration, confined purely to the old and now outgrown activities, has been \$66,000 less than that which was appropriated for these purposes when the legislature undertook to provide for their conduct under the old system.

The civil administrative code—the application of business organization to state government affairs—has nothing to fear from the truth, providing it is the whole truth. The only recourse which its opponents have is resort to half-truths. On principle and general practice, the republican administration which is responsible for the new code has nothing to fear.

The Sidewalk Political Professor. A fluent talker stands on the sidewalk—talking. Two or three friends are listening. The talker finishes his little political oration with: "Take it from me, boys, I've got it right."

But has he got it right? By what authority does he set himself up as a teacher of his fellow-citizens? Upon what does he base his confident assertions?

Is he a student of history, and therefore wise? He is not. His ignorance of the history of his own country is appalling. Of general history he knows nothing. Is he a writer, and therefore exact? He is not. Is he a reader, and therefore full? He is. A reader of newspapers only, and therefore full of the news of the day, just as served by them—his mind a jumble of unrelated intelligence of all sorts. And upon this foundation, having a ready tongue, he indulges in the favorite American pastime of telling the other fellow all about it and advising him what to do.

Now as a matter of fact no man is qualified to be even a custodian political teacher of his fellow-countrymen who does not know the history of his own country. Only by knowledge of past events can one judge with any accuracy the effect upon the future of any political policy. Just now, as never before, a course in American history from its beginning is needed by citizens. There is time to get it before November. "History makes men wise," and we need wise men.

But all over the land the volunteer teachers of politics will continue to spout their ideas and display their cleverness to every little group of men who will listen to them. What strange things they will say, based wholly on their limited personal experience and the occasional jump of yeast found in the columns of the newspaper! How much better it would be if all these men would go to the histories and learn just what this government means, how it came into being, what it has to do with the citizen, and what is necessary to perpetuate it.

About the Wyoming Pipe Line. Storage tanks with a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons of crude oil are to be built for service in connection with the municipal gas plant. This is a pointer in connection with the importance of the proposed pipe line from the Wyoming oil fields to Omaha. The use of oil is steadily increasing hereabouts. Existing refineries find a ready market for their entire product. Others would do as well, and plants established can well be extended. It is a question of getting the crude oil here. That a pipe line from the Wyoming fields is feasible, no one disputes. In other times the reason given for not constructing it was lack of production and uncertainty of market. These questions have been fairly met. The wells are furnishing