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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 Highway, including the paving 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.

## BACK TO SOLID FOOTING.

One of the objections urged against Warren G. Harding by the democratic press is that he is a disciple of McKinley. By this it is intended to convey the idea that he is devoted to the material purpose of advancing the industrial and commercial interests of the United States, with the implication that the spiritual growth of the nation is to be neglected. The desirability of the one and the absurdity of the other must appeal to all. If the election of Harding is to restore the era of progress marked by the McKinley administration, nothing more can be said.

It is true that President McKinley gave solid support to the increase of American industry in all its branches, but it is equally true that he did not diminish the nation as a moral factor in the world's history. In all our record there is nothing finer than the liberation of Cuba and the guardianship of the Philippines, entered into while McKinley was president. Senator Harding does not subscribe to the dogma laid down by Woodrow Wilson in his idealistic view of the universe. He realizes, as all thinking men must, that the United States has a mission to the world, but he also feels that the force of that mission is lessened by unwise efforts to include immediately all the nations in its manifestations, thereby involving us inextricably in a morass from which egress is difficult if not impossible. We have had enough of Bryanism, with its glittering generalities and its unworkable proposals; it is time to cease going about with our heads in the clouds, and to take some note of where we are setting our feet. On this point the Philadelphia Public Ledger says:

A Harding-Coolidge administration should bring us back from the clouds. We can let the Almighty run His own universe for a few years, while we make of America the grandest single secular power in the world for righteousness, honor, freedom and decency. We may or may not get into a formal league of nations, but nothing in the world can keep us out of the brotherhood of mankind. We were not members of any league when we went to the rescue of the Cubans and then presented them magnificently with self-government. If any body wants to know what we think about Ireland, let him look at Cuba. We were not members of a league when we took up the challenge of the German autocracy and rushed to the help of the democratic forces battling for human freedom. We do not require to belong to an organization, or to wear a uniform, or to pay an initiation fee to be decent, straight-thinking, clean-living, liberty-loving Americans who will fight any foe on earth, however far or formidable, who wars upon the things we love and the principles we cherish.

The election of Harding and Coolidge will mean, if anything, that the American people are going to resume the course that made them great, that of attending to their own business, and thus setting an example for all the world. We can afford to do this, and without any violence to our conscience as a people or injustice to humanity.

## Show-Down for Turkey at Hand.

Affairs have progressed with some speed around the Golden Horn within the last few days. England and France having given permission to Greece to go to it and finish Kemal Pasha and his Nationalist forces, the Turk now counters with the assertion that if deprived of Smyrna the treaty will not be signed on behalf of the sultan. This appears to join the issue, and further argument will depend on the outcome of the Greek effort to end the Nationalist uprising in "two days," as was promised.

Greece is not ready to concede Smyrna to Turkey, Bulgaria, or any other country. Here was one of President Wilson's futile and inept efforts to settle the time-worn troubles of the Balkans. His partition of Smyrna did not suit either of the contenders, and has had but scant attention at the council board. Presence of Turkey in Europe continues to be the bone of contention, and it is not improbable that the Entente powers may yet consent to the exclusion of the Ottoman government from Constantinople. The Turkish claim that Russia, the only government with a valid claim to the city, has disappeared, is a subterfuge, worthy of no more serious consideration than other reasons set up for retaining the ancient Christian capital in the hands of its conquerors. Persia and northern India are involved, because of the Bolshevik demonstrations, but the likelihood of a jihad is remote.

Whatever the outcome, the incidents connected with the affair give a most impressive illustration of what the United States has gained by not entering the League of Nations on terms proposed by the president. Had we been in, we could scarcely have refused the Armenian mandate, and would surely have been bound by the settlement as to Turkey. This would bring us squarely onto the firing line again, for Greece has only been substituted for the United States because of our absence.

Quiet will be brought to Turkey, because influential Turks are eager for the end of the war, and a chance to develop the nation along modern lines. Their efforts are making some impression, and when the turbulent elements are finally put down, as they must be, a new era will come to the Mussulman empire, and it will have its chance to build up a solid nationality along ways of usefulness. The United States

will be able to help in this all the more effectively for not having soldiers on the scene.

## Without Article X.

Ratification of the Treaty of Versailles and adoption of the covenant for a League of Nations without Article X is proposed by Herbert Hoover, who argues that the present experience of Europe demands the elimination of that provision as a basic element of the pact. He questions, and with some force, whether the objections raised to the contents of the article in the United States are not also undermining the league in Europe. Talk of a separate pact, he says, is "bunk," and the United States will sooner or later be required to ratify the Treaty of Versailles.

It was over Article X that all the hullabaloo was raised. The president referred to it as the "heart of the covenant," and steadfastly declined to consider any modification of it. Its working out in Europe has thoroughly demonstrated the dangers it included, and the attitude of the Entente powers has made clear the fact that the United States alone would be called upon to provide the military forces needed to enforce the guarantees included in the article. It was this that was foreseen by Senator Lodge and those associated with him, who resolutely refused to mortgage the manhood and the wealth of their country to support authority over the unruly and recalcitrant little countries in Europe. We could easily be at war in several places had the president's way been adopted.

Mr. Hoover's analysis of the covenant is keen and conclusive. The republican party has a splendid opportunity just now to win the approval of the people by following the policy which guided the senators who rejected the document because of Article X and the military guarantees it involved. To restore peace and establish agreement without resort to arms is possible, and to that end the republicans can effectively work, leaving, as Mr. Hoover puts it, "our democratic friends fencing upon the ground of advocacy of a practical military alliance—upon which their safety devices only further endanger the real value of the league."

## Mr. Bryan Has 'Em Guessing.

The advent of William Jennings Bryan is anxiously awaited by the administration forces at San Francisco. They know that the Nebraskan is coming loaded for bear, and they also know that he will not disclose his hand until the right moment comes. How to prepare to meet his onslaught is the problem. The situation is complicated by the fact that Bryan is uncompromisingly dry as well as anti-Wilson. What sort of combination can be made to overcome this and hold in line delegates whose preference is plain for one or the other of these paramours and obscure on the other puzzles the Wilson group. A dry administration man or a wet anti is made equally dangerous, and the undoubted skill of the late secretary of state at arranging coalitions among discordant elements stands him well in stead just now.

That Mr. Bryan has a score to settle with the president is well known. This is not so important in itself as the fact that personal prestige depends on the issue. The Wilson son is setting, but if its dying rays light up the path of William Jennings Bryan to political oblivion, the president's worshippers will be devotedly happy. On the contrary, the shrewd and resourceful Bryan will do his best to so arrange the outcome that the last hours of the president's stay in the White house will be more or less "sweetened" by the thought that the man who made him at Baltimore has made another at San Francisco and will live to dominate and direct future conventions of the party.

It is a pretty contest between leaders, and for the moment the peerless has the advantage, because his plans are yet undisclosed.

## McAdoo and the Donkey.

Late word from San Francisco is that Carter Glass has declared for William Gibbs McAdoo as his choice for candidate. Senator Glass disclaims any accent of the voice from the White house, but his announcement came after a long and confidential communication with Homer S. Cummings, the only other man who shares with the Virginian the full and perfect approach to the inner sanctuary from which proceedeth the inspiration that moves the rickety old organization known as the democratic party. It may, therefore, be accepted that the name of McAdoo will go before the convention supported by the influence of the administration.

This will clear the skirts of the candidate, who has consistently avowed himself as not seeking the place. He cannot, however, fail to give heed to the demand as imperative as that from the White house. Like the lady in the poem, who, "vowing that she'd never consent, consented," Mr. McAdoo will hearken to "his master's voice" once more, and whether too poor or not, will gracefully bestir the donkey if bidden to do so, and do his best to belabor the patient but decrepit beast into some semblance of a race.

A University of Pennsylvania professor who has "located the center of the universe" and can take you out on a starry night and point his finger right at it, has also expressed the opinion that the universe is not limitless. Just think that over a minute and get a headache.

Apparently the New York Times is bitterly chagrined by the selection of Harding. Being an "independent" paper, it was set on having a weak nomination made at Chicago. Hence the flood of malicious detractions on its editorial pages.

One reason for the shortage of wool for wearing apparel may be that so much of it went to make fezzes for new "Shriners," 74,000 of them having "joined" during the year.

No matter what the price is, after next Wednesday Omaha folks will be buying gas from themselves, and that is the main point.

Mr. Wilson has his hand on the pulse of the party," says "E. B. G." And he might have added his foot on its neck.

Some of those special trains to the west seem to have been "wet" enough to suit even a sailor.

It would be disaster to stop the Dodge street grading now for lack of a little cash.

Bainbridge Colby denies he is a messenger, but why is he going?

Nebraska never lost a cron because of June rains.

## A Line O' Type of Two

How to the Line, let the edge fall where they may.

THERE will be no wet plank in the Democratic convention. The delegates have convictions but no courage—except the Dutch sort. And a Number Assented.

Sir: At the alumnae in Northampton one member was speaking of the four million fund for Smith college. She said "The total is now— I cannot give the numbers by clauses, but I expect there are those of you in the audience who have better figures than I." C. F. D.

RECALLING the Wellesley astronomy teacher who announced: "All those wishing to look at Venus see me."

FOR THIS RELIEF, ETC.  
(From the Peoria Journal.)

This program will end the year's work for the choir. The members take a vacation during the months of July and August for which the congregation will offer thanks.

ANYTHING FOR A QUIET CAMPAIGN.  
Sir: I favor Carter Glass and Col. House as the Democratic nominees. This would disconcert stone throwing by the Democrats and make for a quiet campaign. CALICITROSUS.

THERE are moments when we suspect that Mr. Wilson and his son-in-law are maturing a grandstand play.

"WANT to Gambol in Wheat?"—Boston Transcript.  
No, it gets in one's hair.

SPADES BID.  
Oh, the lips that he had pressed,

In his rooms—  
And the names he loved to hear

Now are written red-hot on his cheek,  
At "The Tomba." R. O. R.

THEY WEAR 'EM HIGHER IN HAWAII.  
(From the Grand Rapids Herald.)

The bodice was cut with a round neck, front and back, and tiny tulle sleeves, while the skirt was modestly short and undraped. WE fear that Stone Phiz will have to finish his limerick himself. It seems to baffle everybody else.

O Garcon!  
Sir: When, for six mortal years, you have been "in city pent," longing to go down to the sea in ships (or rather in a train, and to go on the sea, when you get down to it, in one ship). When, for twenty-four hours, you have been choked with dust on the train, and your "berth" has been the precise opposite of "a sleep and a forgetting."

When you have had fifty-seven distinct and separate battles royal with porters, conductors, baggage men, hotel red-tape-worms, cabbies, passport-guards, ticket-inspectors, and other standing hindrances to saintliness;

When you have stumbled into your state-room dog-tired, and told your party to go to blazes, and you won't be responsible for them any longer;

And then, after a dose, when you wake and see your trunk neatly stowed away, and you go on deck and find it gloriously warm, and see everything clean as a new pin on the ship, and one of God's pet hobbies in the way of land and sea escapes outspread around you;

And on the second day you get the tang and odor of the salt breeze through your lungs, and it makes you feel ten years younger;

And you find that you can buy good honest liquor at an honest price, and you can have a bottle of sherry on your table at dinner without any further camouflage, and without being made to feel like a sneak and a law-breaker;

O garcon! Quelle sensation grande et glorieuse!

JAMES MONTIFEX.  
FED UP.

(Waukegan Item.)

Mrs. Mattie Fuller Vurst has returned to her home in Waukegan, after passing three weeks at the Waukegan Moor Baths.

A READER who thinks his memory is better than ours ventures to say that the lines should be—  
"And we found on his nails, which were taper, Which is frequent in tapers—that's wax."

Rather than look it up we will wager a magnum of rhubarb champagne that the first word of the second line is "what" in all editions. Bret Harte pushed the word "which" to the limit, but he was enough of an artist not to get his "whiches" too close together.

ADD POEMS OF SENTIMENT AND REFLECTION.

(Taylors Falls, Minn. Journal.)

Oh, give me good old Taylors Falls.

The place that I loved so well;

The cool, shady paths that lead;

Up to the wonderful Dailies.

Oh, give me the winding river,

The wonderful dam and the dike

Thaxter's Lake on the other side,

Where we so often used to hike.

And the landing where I often

Watched the Olive S. draw to shore.

And when I coughed my spit has

Nature's wonders to explore.

And best of all, dear old Taylors Place

With all its spacious rooms;

And dear Miss Fuller always smiling,

Morning, night and noon.

Oh, those were the days of sweet childhood,

Those were the days of glad youth,

Where life, whether raining or sunshine,

Always ran so smooth.

Oh, why do I pine for the river,

Oh, why should my heart be in pain,

Alas! because I know that those happy days

Shall never come again.

"PRES. WILSON has too much respect for his party."

—Hon. Bainbridge Colby.

Mr. Wilson's respect for his party is likely as profound as Senator Lodge's respect for his.

WHAT PER CENT?

(From the San Saba, Tex., Star.)

While Charlie Maulsby was hoeing in the field he was bitten by a copperhead snake.

An immediate application of coal oil and the drinking of a bottle of Swift's Specific probably saved his life.

A Snappy Deal.

Sir: Of course it is nothing to you that Short & Cross are lawyers in Edmonton, Alberta, but they certainly should be able to do snappy work.

DOUBLE BARREL.

WEDDED, in Rosita, Colo., Miss Belle Aiken and Mr. B. Payne. Whittle your own.

VOILA ENE CHOSE!

(From the Boston Transcript.)

Mrs. Hawkins has vacant bed in double room for elderly or invalid gentleman, also one for lady; best comforts and food. Tel. Cambridge 2781.

BRYAN will be a dry blanket on the proceedings at San Francisco. B. L. T.

## Rug a Yard of Books

Carlyle boasted that he had never purchased a single book which he did not absolutely require, and that most of those he needed for his histories were borrowed. The Southey who cram their houses with books are rare, while great men of affairs are often astonishingly indifferent to book ownership. Lincoln walked miles as a boy to borrow books, but when grown he rarely purchased any, borrowing Herndon's instead. Yet admitting all this, any decay of book ownership would be regrettable.

The man who prizes a book enough to buy it is likelier to make use of it than the Lydia Languish who sends round to the circulating library. It is an incentive to read merely to have books at hand, and their absence means wasted moments. The adolescent whose curiosity is not stimulated by family shelves, and who cannot browse there at whatever random moment he chooses, misses more than he knows. Above all, Bacon's injunction that some books are to be tasted, some chewed and some swallowed and digested is pertinent, for digestion without long possession is impossible. We should buy books even if we have to buy them like Bart's hero, who ordered fifteen yards of the best literature.—New York Evening Post.

## How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS

Quickly and easily, and with no special sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual cases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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## WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

When the lady members of New-castle had an opportunity to address a congress on sanitation, she talked on woman's rights. She said women alone understand the inner necessities of a well ordered household so they are, as a rule, the best authorities on the subject. Take for instance the placing of the larder as keeping places for food. Where is the woman who would place it near an outside drain or in the direct line of coal dust or in the kitchen near the heat?

Spilled food causes considerable illness, especially with babies, as well as much waste. Yet these mistakes occur daily.

Why not let us have some women architects? Other matters well worth considering are more general. Use of tiles for floors and glazed bricks for walls to facilitate cleaning, avoiding the construction of dark corners which too often become forgotten dust traps, simple drain pipes—all these are points which women architect would take into full consideration.

The lady maidservant having stirred up the animals, Miss Minton Sem-bler continued harping on the same string.

The practical woman who actually has run a house is the only one who can tell us if a labor saving device is of use. Let us consider the relation between the family health and labor saving devices. Each adult requires 1,000 cubic feet of air space. Do we get it in our houses? It is the women and children who must stay in the house. Without labor saving devices a woman must spend most of her time indoors, and there she does not get enough air and sunshine. The carpet sweeper and vacuum cleaner aid to collect the dust in covered vessels. But the electric fan and the inefficient cleaning with the arrangement of fitting on and near the floor. Mice and roaches propagate with the curve of a house, which cannot be cleaned.

Is there any woman here who cleans out her cold water cistern when spring cleaning? Why? They believe that dirty water coming from a plumber's boy can reach into their interiors.

Our shelves are too high, our ovens too low and our stoves are in a position that the eyesight is strained in using them.

Abolish moldings. Table legs, window frames, doors, stoves, pantries, electric lights and gas fittings, even sewing machines, are defaced with senseless moldings which collect dust. Next replace the corner with the curve of a house. Do not forget the corners of the window panes, also the corners of cupboard shelves and drawers.

Secure a kind of fireless cooker which can be wiped out after each use should be built into each house. Then we want an outdoor room in every house on the principle of the Eddie veranda with storm shutters to shield it from the wind. Meals could be taken out of doors much more often if we had such a room.

Every invention should be tried before being used. We have a perimental farms for agriculture. Can we not have an experimental station for testing the value of household devices? Nine-tenths of the sickness is cared for in homes. Some sickness is due to bad homes. Housing and home questions have health relations.

Blame Stove, Not Bacilli.  
Mrs. A. E. writes: "Do you think I have consumption? I am hoarse and when I cough my spit has streaks of black in it. I feel well otherwise. I have a healthy, fat baby 5 months old and I furnish lots of milk. There is no consumption in my family. The stove makes lots of smoke in my room."

REPLY.  
Neither of the symptoms noted indicate consumption if there are no other signs. Black sputum results from breathing air in which there is a good deal of smoke or dust.

Whooping Cough Facts.  
F. C. writes: "There are a number of cases of whooping cough in my neighborhood, so would like to be enlightened on the following questions."

"1. Is whooping cough contagious?"  
"2. How long does it last after

the onset?"

REPLY.  
1. Yes, it is contagious. 2. It varies from two to six weeks. The stage of coughing seldom lasts longer than four weeks. The child, however, may cough for many weeks, and the cough may have a certain whooping sound."

REPLY.  
1. There are many causes. Among them are lead poisoning, syphilis, tobacco poisoning, prolonged chronic constipation, prolonged overeating.

2. It is.

3. The principal factor in high blood pressure is thickening of the arteries. This is called arteriosclerosis. There is one form of Bright's disease which is closely related to arteriosclerosis. One of the signs of arteriosclerosis is Bright's disease, and one of the signs of Bright's disease is high blood pressure.

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## The Bee's Letter Box

Trucks Versus Horses.

Omaha, June 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly grant me space to discuss this topic a moment? The question is almost daily expounded why I do not use trucks instead of horses. It does not require any expert knowledge to give a free unbiased opinion on this subject. I wish to say in advance I have been raised on a farm where I have used horses all my life, and Dobbin has a warm spot in my makeup. So in the past few months I have been trying to adapt myself to the use of the truck, and will endeavor to draw a fair comparison. In the nature of things it has been necessary for me to hire a truck to handle a commodity that the proprietors demand from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per hour (tonnage they did not care to discuss). The chauffeur, of course, goes with the truck. He, as well as the truck, is a "time" proposition. My experience is the first hour is worth about double the fourth or fifth as the driver has sized up the time it takes to make the first load. The truck having the work done usually accompanies this first trip and you can bank on that being the record trip. Now, if you are wise at this stage of the outfit and hire an entirely different one and avoid this stiffness and cigar rolling and cooling of the motor as well as the chauffeur. The first hour in your presence is worth two in your absence. Now, for Dobbin and his owner. He charges me from \$5.50 to \$7 to handle the same amount of stuff and his old cob pipe winds up about the same.

first symptoms?  
"3. Can a child have it more than once?"

"4. Does every child have to have this sickness at some time or other?"

"5. If care is taken and the child freed from whooping cough is kept away from sick children, how could that child contract whooping cough?"

REPLY.  
1. It is.

2. The stage of fever does not last two weeks. The stage of coughing seldom lasts longer than four weeks. The child, however, may cough for many weeks, and the cough may have a certain whooping sound."