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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.

LAKES-TO-OCEAN WATERWAY.

Interest is growing in the project to establish a deep water way between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic ocean by way of the St. Lawrence river. This is not a rival to the project of the Lake Michigan-Mississippi canal, but, if related at all, the two would supplement one another and make possible a far greater use of the inland waters of the United States. The collector of the port at Chicago notes that in the last two months more than 4,000,000 bushels of grain have been shipped from Chicago to European ports by way of the Canadian canals. In 1919 35,000,000 bushels were sent the same way. This is but a small percentage of the total traffic, however, practically all of which will be handled in this route if the project is carried out.

At present the boats engaged in the traffic are small, limited in size by the existing canals. To understand what is involved, it must be kept in mind that the drop from Lake Superior to sea level is a trifle over 600 feet, and that lakeborne traffic must be let down by means of locks. The first of the series, at St. Mary's, is capable now of handling ocean traffic, the new lock on the United States side having length, width and depth to accommodate freight carriers of large size. The Welland locks, however, restrict boats to 14 feet draft and 255 length, while the locks on the St. Lawrence above Montreal are but a trifle larger.

When the new Welland locks are complete, the largest lake carriers will be able to make their way to the foot of Lake Ontario, where the cargo will be transhipped for carriage to Montreal. If the lock and slack water plans for the St. Lawrence are carried out, this second handling will be obviated, and the ships loaded at Chicago, Duluth, or Port William will steam on to the Atlantic without interruption of voyage. Storage elevators in existence at the lake ports will be available, and the problem of caring for the grain in winter months is thus solved in advance.

The advantages to flow from this great project are obvious. Anything that shortens the distance to market serves to reduce the cost of transportation, and water-borne freight is always cheaper than shipment by rail. Whatever lessens the cost of transportation increases the price to be paid the producer, all other things being equal, for the price on the farm is only that of the market less the cost of carriage. Nebraska has better than a million tons of wheat alone for export each year, and the saving that will come to the farmers of this state alone on this single item through ability to reach the world market by water will be enough to more than pay their contribution to the cost that is to be borne by the United States in carrying out

People of the middle west cheerfully aided in the construction of the Panama canal, the benefit for which is confined entirely to world traffic and to the coast cities, inland communities being specifically excluded by decisions of the Interstate Commerce commission and the courts in fixing freight rates. The St. Lawrence improvement will be of direct service to the farmers of the great interior empire of the United States, the richest agricultural domain in the world, and for that reason ought to have the enthusiastic support of every one interested in the development of the region.

Hoke Smith "Out of Bounds."

As the administration steam roller went over Senator Hoke Smith at the convention it bumped a little when it passed his latest offending against the White House. One of the last things Senator Smith did before congress adjourned was to introduce in the senate a resolution to amend the constitution of the United States so as to limit the president to a single term of office, and to make forever ineligible to re-election one who once has held the office. It is not necessary to go into any consideration of the merits of this. What is to the point is that it is an unpleasant reminder of the platform pledge adopted altimore, when the party was eager to get into power and particularly wished to slam both Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. Mr. Wilson was selected on that platform, which specifically endorsed the one-term principle, but he immediately followed his inauguration by laying pipes for a second term. -When that was granted he looked confidently to breaking the precedent and securing a third commission from the people. This has been denied him, though through no abnegation on his part, and he is now engaged in a probably successful attempt to put over his son-in-law. Not being permitted to succeed himself, he selects his successor, while Hoke Smith hits directly at him by offerion his amendment. No wonder the Georgian has lost standing at the head of Pennsylvania

Indictments Well Placed.

A special federal grand jury at Philadelphia has returned true bills against eight men who are accused of complicity in the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdohl, convicted slacker. This move on the part of outraged justice indicates an awakened conscience. Righteousness requires that all who participated in the plot whereby the notorious offender secured his liberty should be made to pay a severe penalty. A more flagrant case has never disgraced the army, nor insulted the courts of the nation. No one

familiar with army practice can be convinced that without connivance by those in authority a prisoner held as Bergdohl was can get away as easily as he did. The major in command of the barracks at Governor's Island and two sergeants are recommended for court-martial. It is just a little interesting that one of the men censured for gross carelessness in connection with the case is Samuel T. Ansell, who as an officer in the judge advocate general's department took violent issue with Maj. Gen. Crowder, head of the department, and the secretary of war in regard to court-martial practices. The event would seem to justify the attitude of the judge advocate general, which was upheld by the secretary, and which resulted in the dismissal of Col. Ansell from the department and his resignation from

Is Mr. Bryan Sincere?

In days gone by no one has questioned the devotion of Mr. Bryan to any cause he has espoused; that is to say, none save his opponents in his own party. These have never hestitated to charge him with being a trimmer, given to expediency, and capable of sharp practice if not downright deception. Usually the world has been inclined to take him at his word, so when he came out against the president's stand in favor of the league of nations without reservations it was accepted that he meant what he said. and that he would follow his own lead to the

At San Francisco it has been made plain to him that he cannot win a respectable following for his views, that only those who went there in a frame of mind to take issue with the president are ready to go along with any criticism of the executive's course, and these are in a hopeless minority. Therefore, Mr. Bryan, seeing the "uninstructed" delegates flocking to the band wagon, puts the soft pedal on the league of nations, but comes forward with a proposal that the constitution of the United States be so amended as to make ratification of a treaty depend on majority only. This may mark a modification of his general attitude. A further sign of his changing mind-or, is it merely another facet of nis many-sided mind?is found in his article in the July Review of Reviews, written in anticipation of the convention, in which he sets down:

If the republicans are willing to drag this great world question into a political campaign. in the hope of making political capital out of the democrats can appeal with confidence to that patriotic spirit which will applaud our party if it refuses to share responsibility for postponement of relief which the league

of nations can bring. Not a word of comment on the attitude of the president, who would not accept the advice of a majority of the senate, in which 27 democrats joined. If the league of nations is made a party issue it will be because Woodrow Wilson so willed it, and the evidence is accumulating to support the conclusion that William Jennings Bryan will be found active in his commendation of whatever the convention does, preserving his party "regularity," but making a rather sorry figure when it comes to consistency in the advocacy of a great principle on which he has laid much stress.

The "Can" Brigade.

Here is an organization that will bear watching. It is a group of boys, organized in one of the local Sunday schools, whose motto is "Can." Whatever it sets out to do it proposes to accomplish. We have no knowledge of its program, but we do commend its motto. The basis of all human achievement is in that word. Humanity has moved forward along a line of hard and continuous struggle, just because there have been members of the "can" club in all ages, men and women whose indomitable courage did not flinch when confronted by obstacles that seemed insuperable. Pushing against opposition, overcoming difficulties, handicaps of various sorts, builds up character, develops the moral as well as the physical fiber of the individual, and rounds out the life in the only way by which fullness of expression may be obtained. The "Can" club is an institution that ought to thrive, and its surviving members will have something to look back on with pride when they have come to the heights of useful citi-

Creel the Polisher.

One of the most eminently fitting things the democratic moguls have done is to employ George Creel to "polish" the platform. He is a past master at that sort of work. It curiously happens that his efforts will be given to the country almost exactly three years since he afforded the Fourth of July "thrill" with a lovely bit of fiction concerning the passage of the first American expedition convoy through the U-boat zone. This was denied by Admiral Sims, and Creel lamely explained he had wanted to do something to arouse the nation. He succeeded. Later he was called before the bar of congress and forced to apologize for similar exploits. He was denounced on the floor of the senate by democrats as well as republicans, but he went cheerfully along his way, dispensing his peculiar brand of thrilling make-believe with the backing of the president of the United States. As a polisher he is splendidly equipped, and the platform ought to glisten, as Robert G. Ingersoll once said of the party's record, "like a rotting mackerel in the moonlight," when Creel gets through with it.

Omaha has always boasted of its wide streets, but they do not seem to be wide enough for all the traffic at times. Drivers could help a lot by watching more carefully.

The weather man says it was only a summer shower, and the old salt would say it was "a capful of wind," but it certainly did go some.

It's our own gas plant after tonight, and in the future we will kick ourselves when the service is not up to the mark.

So the platform is to be "slightly moist." Well, only a little bit is all the wets want; they'll take the reest in time.

Kansas is busy harvesting its wheat crop. Nebraska comes next, and a real busy time is promised here.

One democratic woman objects to Palmer because he wears spats. He has other handicaps, as well.

Long grass is reported in the short grass country. Not a bad year for the yearlings.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson will find Omaha has improved materially in the last thirty years.

It's our gas plant today.

A Line O' Type or Two

A WOMAN said to George Creel that she didn't like Mr. Wilson because of his face; whereat Mr. Creel said, "I told her I didn't see why she didn't judge them by their feet, as it's much easier to tell that way." How? We are curious to know. If somebody gave George a plaster cast of Abe Lincoln's feet could he reconstruct the entire animal?

SUPERFLUOUS INFORMATION (From the Neenah News.)

A Ford car, the name of whose driver was the University of Chicago will run build on our vacant lots, to bring not learned, ran over a dog yesterday morning a child health school. The pupils some relief to the great shortage of The animal was not will be children between 9 and 11 houses, which will be greater next years of age who are underweight year. Mr. Butler could help some BRYAN protested against crucifying man-

D. P.

kind upon a cross of gold, but he has no objection to crucifying mankind upon a bone-dry

"Way Back When."

May I qualify as a reader with I particularly remember the "Brick"
The suggestion was to take an ormemory? dinary brick, and after drilling two holes of proper size in it, to have gold ink-wells made to fit them. And then I remember the idea of taking a length of ordinary stovepipe and punching

holes in it in a beautiful design; this, with a candle inside, made a lovely hanging lamp. M. W. T. THERE APPEARS TO BE GLORY

ENOUGH FOR ALL. "We heartily congratulate the Democratic party on its splendid leadership in the submission and ratification of the prohibition amendto the federal constitution."-Bryan's

"The Volstead act, vetoed by a Democratic president and passed over his veto by a republican congress is an extreme exercise of the powers granted by the eighteenth amendment."

PROF. RYPINS of the U. of M. tells the world that the Republican convention was "the greatest political farce ever presented." The Prof's chair is not given, but obviously it is not political history.

Cinema Word-Hemorrhages. Movie drama, titled "Sex." Meaty vam pire, having displayed her charms and ensnared several married males, only to have them return to their respective puses, thus leaving her without occupation, temps into the long-suffering sea. Final title, after we see her body battering the rocks: "The standards of morality demand that the naked soul of sex be stripped of its falsehoods, which can only be atoned by tears.

MUCH IMPROVED. (From the Litchfield Union.) Clarence Wood, the workman who fell at the Gem Theater yesterday, is reported to be doing nicely today at St. Francis hospital. He is suffering from a broken leg, broken knee cap and fractured skull and a broken

Derobing the nude, as it were.

THE sins of today, according to an Evanstor divine, are hatred, adultery, divorce laws, profanity, and the spirit of revenge. The Lord is more tolerant than He was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah.

GARDEN CHIT-CHAT.

Many people are peevish About the price of potatoes, After I have hoed five hundred hills,

In baked soil, Under a broiling sun And killed six hundred devilish bugs, Or maybe seven hundred and fifty, I feel that the potatoes I raise worth about

dollar apiece. So I give my grocer a terrible shock By smiling when he mentions the price, And paying it without a murmur. I hear other people saying That the wearing of furs is Unethical.

I used to feel that way

But after I have replanted three times The rows of Golden Bantam From which I hope to harvest an early crop, I think of a moleskin coat With unalloyed pleasure. It would use up so many moles. Yes, indeed,

Quite educational!

"YEARS ago I fractured a hone in my neck while diving," relates Pussyfoot Johnson. The explanation is plausible. Perhaps Bryan fell

out of a tree or something. THE HEIGHT OF OBSERVATION. (From the Watseka Republican.) Frank Burnham got so well acquainted was being treated recently, that they recognized him whether he was walking towards

or from them. "My Castle in Spain." Sir: John G. Saxe might add a stanza today:

ve a large sideboard loaded with bottles of glass. Of cunning, artistic design; Gin, whisky, ale, rum (1920 a bas). And may a flagon of wine; Your favorite tipple you'll find here, I know; I've bountiful stock "in my Spanish Chateau."

IN Iowa the tongue chiefly spoken is die schonste iengevitch. Thus the Globe Manufac-Co. of Perry advertises, "We Wash the Earth Quicker Yet.'

WHY SOME PARENTS SEND THEIR BOYS TO YALE. (From the Kankakee News.)

Robert Dunlap, who has been attending Harvard, arrived home Tuesday to spend summer with his mother THE Hon. Carter Harrison has become an idealist in his old age. He talks about human-

izing the Volstead act. The Observing Reporter.

(From the Riverside News.) Miss Dorothy Anne Badger was the guest of Miss Alice Wiles this week. Miss Doro-thy is developing wonderfully and is a

charming girl. ANY male sufficiently squat and unhandsome can qualify for membership in the Luklikel Club by wearing a sportshirt.

A MILITANT MAID. (From the Winnett, Mont., Times.) Miss Carrie Gunn of Fargo, N. D., spent friend, Miss Etta Nichol.

COX attempted to carry water on one shoul der and beer on the other, and somebody jogged

And, Possibly, Skin You. (From the Port Clinton, O., News-Democrat.) When at Catawba Island stop at Cang-

you, drink you, or cream you. "DARK Horses Champ Impatiently."-Head-Specially Champ.

QUALIFIED. (From the Rock Island Argus.) Miss Flossie Legg, Watertown state hosfor registered nurse.

MR. M'ADOO'S attitude is that of the Irishman: "If I won't take it, make me take it. B. L. T.

The Motor Age.

The man who kept a private conveyance in the preautomobile period was a man apart from the merely ordinarily well to go, immeasurably removed from the poor, if he lived in where street cars provided necessary transportation and a private conveyance was a luxury. The man who lived in a village, where no distance was great, and who kept a conveyance was a village magnate. Nowadays the problem in cities and towns is how to park the automobiles and leave room for moving traffic. Seven and a half million automobiles in use in a population of 100,000,000 constitute incontrovertible proof that this is the country in which the poor man has an opportunity. Improving his opportunity he has soon an automobile.-Louisville Courier-Journal,

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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CHILD HEALTH SCHOOL.

During ten weeks of this summer as well as mentally.

Among the aims as listed by the university we find: They will have interesting lessons on how to become healthy and, berman's bill in two and reduce the what is the more surprising, this wages one-third of the bricklayers

have the fun of helping cook it. "They will have a medical exami-

work and walks-with a picnic or two, no doubt. They will have a healthful, pleasant summer, and will him a house and become one of th no longer be underweight children, abused landlords, he would not be we hope, when the summer is over.'

Nothing is said about learning out of books, but it will be squeezed ir somewhere. At that there are those willing to bet that the pupils of this school will learn as much book learning and get as much training of judgment, decision, powers of observation, ability of expression, cultivation of memory, and training in social qualities as pupils get in the same period of ordinary

The course lasts ten weeks. dge the parents are to be appealed to because the notice says the mothers are to accompany their children when they matriculate.

nary school in that health comes first. The principal objectives are training in health habits, physical development, examination for physical defects, and proper eating.
For the well-to-do for years there

have been vacation camp schools, where boys and girls are taught to swim, to take care of themselves in the woods, to develop muscles and o-ordination by work and play in the out-of-doors. While these camp schools look out for the health of the students

as regards protecting them against contagion and caring for them when sick. I know of none which makes the teaching of health habits its principal aim This University of Chicago school

is free except for lunch money. If it works, boards of education will see in it more lessons which they can apply than they find in the camp outing schools.

Rabbit's Foot Just as Good. O. L. C. writes: "What strength should sassafras tea be made for thinning the blood of an adult? Should it be taken daily? Is too much harmful? Would it be in-jurious for one to take it who is uclined to be an 'anemic'?" REPLY.

First, the blood cannot be thinned. Sassafras tea will not thin the blood or have any effect of any sort on anything. In olden times it was powerful good at fooling folks, but it has lost its charm. If you will drink half a gallon of water within one hour you will thin your blood. But pature who is the wise old doc will thicken it up again in about two hours, whereupon the usual good health will be restored.

Goiter Starting.

A. S. H. writes: "My little girl, 9 years old, has a goiter starting. Is there any treatment I could give her, or what would you advise? REPLY.

Have your physician give her about five grains of iodide of soda daily for two weeks each spring.



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Omaie, June 26 .- To the Editor of The Bee: I would like to tell Mr. Butler there are two sides to every thing, even to a plum pudding. In stead of his making a great pow

wow about the poor tenants (which has a savoring of politics), tell us much abused landlords how we can and anxious to improve physically by asking the governor to call a special session of the legislature to help reduce the great increase in taxes by reducing the commissioners salary to \$1,000 a year, cut the lumaim leads all the rest.

"They will learn how to choose ers and janitors. Then in six their food wisely. They will have a months there would be houses for good noon lunch each day and will rent all over the city without any increase in rents. If the landlords saw there was no chance of nation by a prominent children's being sent to jail. Landlords have not made more than 2 per cent the Now they are hav-"They will have exercises to cor- last six years. rect round shoulders and flabby ing a chance to make 6 per cent. There is this great noise. A painter "They will have games and hand last month wanted 14 months' rent If Mr. Butler had got married, built trying to be lionized by a few rent ers who have had their salaries raised from 50 to 80 per cent and

their rents 3 per cent. VOTED FOR BUTLER.

Mr. Bryan's Only Available. If Mr. Bryan continues his process of elimination, he should have the field pretty well narrowed down to himself by the time the San Fran-cisco convention opens.—Sioux Falls Press.

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