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The Bee's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station.

- 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
- 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

"A GENERAL RAILROAD CRISIS."

Action of the Interstate Commerce commission in granting a general increase in rates to the railroads of the United States is proof of some progress. It denotes that the I. C. C. can advance from one position to another, when impelled by "the inexorable logic of events." In 1911 the railroads were before the body, asking for a general advance in rates. After a full hearing, the details of which sorely tried public patience at the time, the commission ruled, that, while the net income of the petitioning lines fell below the return "demanded in the interest of both the general public and the railroads," there was no crisis in the affairs of the roads. Again in 1917 a general increase was denied, because, said the commission, "only a most urgent and extraordinary situation would justify permitting tariffs carrying a large percentage of increase to become effective."

The time has come, apparently, for now "tariffs carrying a large percentage of increase" are proposed for the acceptance of the railroads. This general crisis is the culmination of a series of events. In 1911 it was seen that the net income of the roads was falling behind what constituted a reasonable return, and the roads suffered accordingly. Economies in operation then forced because of inability to secure greater revenue continued until 1916, when the situation became acute, and a real crisis was forced by the passage of the Adamson law. The wage advance secured under this was modest compared to those that have followed, but the inability of the roads to provide for expanding business had a much more damaging effect.

Already in a tangle, due to the unwise effort at forcing the tremendous war business through the narrow "neck of the bottle," the roads were taken over by the federal government on January 1, 1918, and completely scrambled. Whatever of economy and efficiency in operation followed was due to the employment of methods suggested by the railroads and positively forbidden them by law, by courts and by the Interstate Commerce commission, not to mention the forty-five railroad commissions of as many states that were operating independently and generally at cross-purposes. Is it any wonder that the transportation industry fell into a decline? The marvel is that it survived at all. Now that the government has sent the railroads back to corporate ownership and management, it has endeavored to partly undo the mischief by arranging for relief through increased rates, calculated to produce a net operating revenue of \$1,134,000,000. This is calculated as a return of 6 per cent on the valuation of the lines, set by the commission at \$18,900,000,000. When taxes and other fixed charges have been subtracted, the true net revenue will appear. Returns now at hand for the month of April, the second month since the cessation of government operation, show a combined net deficit of \$100,000,000 on operating revenue; May, June, July and August are to be added to this, the guaranty expiring on September 1. This indicates that the rate advance is not likely, even under best conditions, to produce any enormous surplus for the roads. What the final effect will be on the public situation is yet to be developed, but the guess may be hazarded that it will not aid in cutting down prices immediately. The added billion and a half of railroad revenue must be paid by those who use the railroads. This means the public.

to bind America to finance and maintain all European nations? The shrewd statesmen of Europe have always known on which side their bread was buttered, and they most certainly realize that Wilson is for them before America. A party that is for Wilson's League first, and America last, ought to be financed by "powerful international interests," rather than by American patriots.

Senator Capper Visits Harding.

Senator Capper of Kansas, invited to talk with Senator Harding, writes of his visit in his Weekly, read by farmers all over the west. He found the candidate possessed "a wonderful grasp of farming problems"-a great compliment coming from Capper-and in full accord with enlightened plans for the benefit of farmers through the government.

Of the candidate's wife Senator Capper says: Mrs. Harding, by the way, is a wonderful woman; wholesome, sensible, level-headed, really democratic and charming. She is natural, and human, and in my judgment will be one of the most popular women that ever graced the White House. She is a staunch Methodist.

On a matter of vital interest, in view of opposition efforts to catch the progressive vote Senator Capper writes:

Senator Harding is receiving assurances of hearty support from leaders of the progressive wing in all sections of the country, such as Governor Allen, William Allen White and former Senator Joe Bristow. These three Kansans are typical of the Roosevelt followers who are lined up behind Senator Harding and his program this year. There is hardly a progressive leader in the nation who has not written or called upon Harding to assure him of hearty support and to offer his services in any way they can be used.

That is mighty pleasing information straight from headquarters. It can be depended on, and t spells victory. We like it particularly in view of our personal knowledge of Harding's determination to unite and keep united, the republican party.

Just one more quotation from the Capper contribution to general public information. It will please all who read it, and is as follows:

If Senator Harding is elected president, there is this one thing you can confidently bank on: Autocratic rule at Washington, oneman government of the United States, will cease instantly on the fourth day of March. 1921; a representative popular government will be restored; the voice of the majority, as expressed in congress, will be heard again. Amen. Amen. Speed the day!

Japan on a Hot Seat.

The ambitious and enterprising Japanese government is finding that the way to world empire is not an easy one. Added to the internal troubles, which involve industry as well as politics, the attitude of other nations, all friendly enough, towards some of the schemes of the expansionist group of the empire is causing great worry. One of the leading Japanese papers, the Yomiyuri Shimbun, complains that the world does not place implicit confidence in the assurances of the mikado's government that it has not in contemplation any of the things that appear the natural object of its action.

This, of course, is sad-that the United States and Great Britain, for example, should not entirely trust the easterners, but the fact is that Japan's history is not such as warrants entire confidence in disinterestedness when that country is grabbing territory right and left. The

A Line O' Type or Two Hew to the Line, let the suips fall where they may

HANDLE WITH CARE. A dry sheet and a glassy sea. A wind that whispers past. For if it blew out loud, my boys, Twould bend the precious mast.

OFFICIAL recognition of Gen. Villa's ability and devotion shows that republics, though usually, are not inevitably, ungrateful. When the General get settled on his Sabine farm, we trust he will begin work upon his Memoirs.

TO WHAT ARE WE COMING? The indications are that before IT may be decided to put the Harding many centuries the inhabitants of porch on wheels, for a four around the circle. the United States and northwestern At three cents a mile, the railway fare to Mecca Europe will be Asiatic or nea gives pause to all but the most frenzied pilgrims. Asiatic. GEN. GONZALES, writes Oliver Madox The International Journal of Pub lic Health, published by the Red

Hueffer from Mexico, was " a man of low origin, having commenced life on a milk round." But Cross at Geneva, is a liaison institu tion for bringing together informa most of us had that humble beginning, whether tion as to the state of health and well-being of all the countries in low or high our state.

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diseases. The Bee.

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- A Shining Marker. (From the Clinton Advertiser.) Do You Know W. L. BOYCE? If not you should, as he is the man. who marks the mistakes of the doctors.

THE MONUMENT MAN.-

WE did not expect to vote again for Mr. the death rate. In Belgium the two Debs, but this year there seems more reason than before. The gentleman can't get out. THE Turkish commander at Rodosto sent

word, when the Greeks arrived bearing arms, "My soldiers are running away like chickens." per year on an average for the five years. England, Scotland and Ire-He missed a chance by not saying "like young turks."

VAGABONDIA LUSUS.

Caelum non animum mutant, qui trans mare currunt.-Horace. Society's refinements sap the strength

That once in youthful confidence and pride Derided fate and wandered through the length

And breadth of earth, traversing every tide; That sailed the "Roaring Forties" in July, And reefed the kcy canvas in the squalls Of blinding sleet, precursors black that fly Before the gale malignant Neptune calls;

That dreamed away the hours on snow white sands

Beneath the blazing stars of tropic nights. nd watched, in lazy calm, the dusky hands Of island maidens stringing flowery bights

Of fragrant ylang-ylang for the breast And raven tresses. There, the sea is streaked With fire and gold, each curving flash a quest Of sanctuary, or a torture wreaked.

The darkness thrills to crashing symphonies As curling combers break upon the strand. Reflecting heaven beneath the dreamer's eyes Their phosphorescence spreads across the

The fire tree, gleaming through the fragrant night.

The silver beach, the creamy coral reef That dances on the foam, bring back to light Old Christmas memories and poignant grief.

Ah. Providence, your power is not so great As you would have us think! "Tis but a boast Deprive us of our memories—you abate The spell by which you make us suffer most W. C. F.

IF Columbus had set forth in a craft so frail as a cup defender, the New World might hav? waited longer to be discovered.

SUDDEN RELIEF.

(From the Marion Post.) * Shannon Holland of South Van Buren street, who has been suffering from chills, missed his chill Friday and was better.

"LINCOLN was resolute in making war and moderate in making peace."—Lloyd George. And as result, he did not keep us out of either war or peace.

IN ATHENS. Once walked I with wise Plato in the Athenian BUSINESS IS GOOD THANK YOU And heard old truths, proven by this or that. But all that I remember is the sunshine gold along the green. And a bright flower nodding its head to me BERTHA TEN EYCK JAMES. OF the making of sonnets there is no end, in spite of James Stephens' discovery that "no-

How to Keep Well By DR. W. A. EVANS mentary figures for 1919 indicate Queations concerning hygiene, sanita-tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The that in that year the German birth

Bee, will be answered personally, sub-ject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is en-closed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bes Eye Strain Usual Reason.

The usual cause of sties is eye strain. In your case that seems to have been eliminated. Keep the margins of your eyelids very clean. Full out loose hairs occasionally.

M. E. M. asks for a method of dis nfecting outdoor privies in summer

an.ps.

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show that the birth rate had been scepage from vault go into the water complexion is not clear. (3) Am 27 failing rapidly for a number of years supply. Cover contents of vault years old, 5 feet 6 inches ta before the war, though it was still with dry loam occasionally. At the well above the death rate. Frag- end of the season fill vault with REPLY.

rate was well above the death rate.

S. G. writes: "Kindly tell me the cause of sties and the remedy. I have had my eyes tested and find no serious defect." BEELY REPLY.

Use Milk of Lime.

REPLY.

years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh (1) Have your eyes tested. You earth, covering contents well. (2) Get more exercise. Exercise Better See Physician. in the open air. (3) 136 pounds is right. You are A. B. S. writes: "Is it bad for one

with chronic Bright's disease, but who seems perfectly well, to go in 14 pounds overweight.

REPLY. The rule is that persons with the market to prevent the odor of chronic Bright's disease should rerspiration in the armpits are in-guard against chilling the skin. Do jurious to use?

not go in swimming unless your phy-sician advises it." (2) "What makes the feet and

Have Eyes Tested.

ankles swell in hot weather?" REPLY. 1. Those made of aluminum chic Mrs. C. J. writes: "When I read ride rarely cause any irritation or for a short time my eyes burn. I intianmation. Occasionally they do, but as a rule it is moderate in

Probably Not.

M. J. V. writes: (1) "Will you kholly tell me if the preparations on the market to prevent the odor of

wash them with salt water but this do, but does not help. I have headaches and severity. think they are caused by the eyes, What shall 1 do? (2) What is the 2. I do not know. Many are in-What shall I do? (2) What is the conventenced by this condition, in cause and what can I do to get rid hot weather. It does not seem to of dark rings under my eyes? My



Weather Observations.

The Boston Evening Transcript, in deference to the fact that the weather is of interest to more people than any other one topic, devotes the first paragraph of its editorial columns to its consideration, in a style and with richness of detail that must give absent Bostonians nostalgia. Here is a specimen:

An ideal morning after a brilliant, cool night one of those rare mornings that, coming a little out of season, add so much to the joy and comfort of existence. The dawning hours yound the grass in suburb and country heavily laden with dew. an invigorating pre-fall tang in the atmosphere, and the promise, in a blue unclouded sky. of another fair day.

The following day's comment reveals the coming of a real dog-day, to-wit:

A smoky haze around the horizon and miniature cobwebby tents on lawn and field were gentle reminders this morning that we are living in dog-days, even though, happily, the somber sultriness of typical dog-day weather has so far been conspicuous by its absence. After a beautiful evening with a moon rapidly waxing to fullness, the dawn found the sky free from clouds, an atmosphere undisturbed even by the gentlest of breezes, and a temperature which, though comfortable. seemed warmer than that of any morning so far this week.

A year of that sort of letter writing ought to be worth printing between covers under some such title as "Boston Meteorological Observations and Reflections." It might faintly describe Omaha weather ecstacies.

Big Foreign Interests for Cox.

Come to think of it, there's nothing that might not have been expected in Senator Harding's disclosure that "certain powerful international interests deeply concerned in carrying out the administration's foreign policy," are prepared "to contribute most liberally to democratic funds."

Why shouldn't Europe pay the democratic campaign bill, with the democrats working

twenty-one demands made on China, and enforced by military in 1915; the Shantung episode, the demand for German possessions in the South Seas, the treatment of Korea, the seizure of Saghalin, occupancy of eastern Siberia, and a number of other movements of late date are in no way calculated to allay suspicion that back of it all Japan is looking for a way out of a domestic situation that can only be improved by a removal of economic pressure.

The world understands the predicament of he Nipponese, and in a general way sympathizes with the effort being made to secure an outlet for the overcrowded population of the island empire, as well as advantages that will add to its economic opportunities and thus permit relaxation of the stringency produced by the enormous tax levy. Conceding all this, it yet remains for Japan to come out into the open and explain the actual meaning of moves that have been made apparently in good form but really because of the general confusion of world politics.

A Potent Side Issue.

Bishop Berry, senior of the heads of Amerian Methodism, has lately spent two weeks in Ohio studying public sentiment toward Harding and Cox. He returned to Philadelphia convinced that interest in the League of Nations is secondary to that over the enforcement of prohibition.

He found the liquor forces active in behalf of Governor Cox everywhere, and predicted that "the prohibition sentiment of the country will sweep Senator Harding into the presidency," spite of efforts to ignore any liquor issue. The senator is not classed as a prohibitionist, but his political career "has not been so universally identified with the liquor interests as that of Cox," the venerable bishop says.

Beginning the Rush.

A Wisconsin Wilson elector of 1912, and former democratic nominee for governor, is out for Harding because the present administration has "seriously invaded and brutally ignored fundamental democracy." He declares that when it is known that a democratic vote this year is an endorsement of the Wilson administration, "millions" will feel as he does.

Perhaps not millions, but evidences multiply that unusually large numbers of democrats are for America First, and intend to emphasize the fact by voting a rebuke to the Wilson administration next November. This drift is quite noticeable since Cox lined up with Wilson, and is augmented whenever a democratic organ commends Wilsonism.

Restoration of the navy to a state of efficiency and discipline is another of the man-sized obs before the next administration.

The going-both-ways campaign started by the democrats is developing into a merry-goround.

Let us watch and see if the new rates will restore service to old standards.

Estaban Cantu will find out that - Alvaro Obregon can, too.

Over Lake Erie is no place to run out of

Debs asks to stay in jail. All right.

body is interested in the making of sonnets, not even poets." LET US THEN BE UP AND LISTENING.

(From the Sugar Bush, O., Budget.) A few years ago much was written in

the Budget concerning sleeping in church, and thought it was again necessary as happened to see quite a few in church lately and upon investigating found that not less than fifteen out of a small crowd were asleep while the minister was trying to interest them with the word of God. I do'not want to criticise but such is the fact. Dear brothers and sisters let us all be awake while in church and listening earnest. ly, as this I believe will give the preacher strength.

IN a sub-conscious interview with George Washington, John Armstrong Chaloner learned that the father of our country thinks the League of Nations is a splendid idea, but does not favor it without reservations that will prevent European entanglements. Who's loony now?

LIBERTATIS SACRA FAMES.

(Oscar Wilde.) Albeit nurtured in democracy, And liking best that state republican Where every man is kinglike and so man Is crowned above his fellows, yet I see, Spite of this modern fret for liberty. Better the rule of One, whom all ebey. Than to let clamorous demagogues betray Our freedom with the kiss of anarchy. Wherefore I love them not whose hands profane Flant the rod flag upon the piled-up street For no right cause, beneath whose ignorant reign Arts, Culture, Reverence, Honour, all things

fade. Save Treason and the dagger of her trade, And Murder with his silent bloody feet.

THERE are times when one almost suspects that France is worrying over the Russian I. O. U.

THE UNCONVENTIONAL WEST. (From the Spokane Spokesman-Review.)

Sportsmen, hunting and fishing on the upper San Poll can't be beat. Take your wife or sweetheart along.

WATCH YOUR STEP!

(From the Jefferson Banner.)

Notice .--- I, the undersigned, am taking Christina Geyer out of town, and not Mrs. Anna Geyer. Schumacher.

THE Loz Onglaze fire department must be worn out running to blazes. Two or three a day, sometimes.

SO many people confuse chiropractic with chiaroscuro that the New Jersey legislature has defined it clearly. Chiropractic permits-

"The restoration of the triune relationships between all attributes necessary to normal composite forms, to harmonious quantities and qualities by placing in juxtoposition the abnormal concrete positions of definite mechanical portions with each other by hand, thus correcting all subluxations of the articulations of the spinal column, for the purpose of permitting the recreation of all normal cyclic currents through nerves that were formerly not permitted to be transmitted, through impingement, but have now assumed their normal size and capacity for conduction as they emanate through intervertebral foramina-the expressions of which were formerly excessive or partially lacking-named disease."

PROPERLY to understand chiropractic as well as campaign speeches on the League of Na-tions, one should put himself in the mental atti-tude advised by the rapturous lady in "Patience." "Let us," said she, "think of nothing at all!"

Quick Changes.

"In Mexico," says Uncle Abimelech Bogar dus, "a feller's got to buy the latest extry to see whether he's a patriot or a traitor."-Seattle see whether ness. Post-Intelligencer.