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#### The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pave ment 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.

#### COX OUTLINES THE ISSUE.

Careful perusal of Governor Cox's speech of acceptance justifies the conclusion that he proposes to follow the time-worn policy of his party -that of promising anything that will bring him votes. Only on the matters beyond dispute does he take an unequivocating attitude. Such questions as are open to argument are gingerly approached and dealt with in such fashion as will permit those so disposed to think the governor is squarely on their side, no matter which it may be.

Thus, on the League of Nations, which the Wilsonites insist is the one and only paramount of the campaign, he delivers himself oracularly, and very much after the manner of oracles in general. For those who have unswervingly accepted the president's utterances and supported his position, the candidate gives this consola-

The first duty of the new administration clearly will be the ratification of the treaty. The matter should be approached without thought of bitterness of the past. The public verdict will have been rendered, and I am confident that the friends of world peace, as it will be promoted by the league, will have in numbers the constitutional requisite to favorable senatorial action.

After he has satisfied the faithful followers of Woodrow Wilson, he turns to those democrats who could not conscientiously go along with the executive, and says to them:

It will, of course, be understood that in carrying out the purpose of the league the government of the United States must at all times act in strict harmony with the terms and intent of the United States Constitution, which can not in any way be altered by the treaty-

This is so exactly in harmony with the nature and purpose of the Lodge reservations, particularly that dealing with Article X, that it may be said to contain the very essence of the republican plan. Just how the adroit manipulators of the democratic campaign expect to harmonize these divergent pledges, unless they admit that the rigid position of Woodrow Wilson on "the heart of the covenant" was mistaken, presents one of the puzzles of the situation. To get the two sections of the party into line demands the surrender of one view or the other.

Having disposed of the League of Nations in this comfortable fashion, Governor Cox proceeds to another subject, in dealing with which he makes a remarkable appeal. In other days the democratic party has made one of its war cries, "The consumer pays the tax!" It has argued, and with force and reason, that "big business" invariably succeeds in passing on its burden of taxation to the ultimate consumer. No part of all its dogma rests on surer foundation than this. In his proposals for a revision of the revenue law, however, Governor Cox suggests that the excess profits schedule be abolished, and that there be substituted for it

probably 1 to 1 1-2 per cent on the total business of every going concern. It is to be understood that the word "business" as used does not include income received by wage-earners, salaried men, agriculturists, and the small business man who should be exempt from this

How potent this appeal to the Adullamites may be will only be noted as the campaign advancs, but its hollowness is apparent, for it merely shifts the direction without shanging the source of the tax, and, like other makeshifts adopted by the financiers of the administration will permit the collection by "big business" of a far greater sum from the people than is ever received by the government in form of revenue. The man who now pays an income tax will likely find himself better off when making settlement with Uncle Sam direct.

Those who looked to the democratic candidate for possible relief from the Volstead act

will find no comfort in his words: The legislative branch of the government is subjected to the rule of the majority. The public official who fails to enforce the law is an enemy both to the Constitution and to the American principle of majority rule. It would seem quite unnecessary for any candidate for the presidency to say that he does not intend to violate his oath of office. Anyone who is false to that oath is more unworthy than the law violator himself.

To labor, the governor holds out that the writ of injunction ought not to be abused, and that a man should have the right to quit work at any time, save as this right is limited by public necessity. This is cheap enough, as is also the expression in favor of collective bargaining, a principle so established in ethics as to be beyond of the country, the necessity for encouraging giving justified hope to the afflicted. It is a production in all lines, of eliminating tenantry noble profession in all its aspirations and achieveon farms, on child labor, and similar noncontroversial topics is interesting, and contains nothoing in the way of novelty. He sorrows that the republican convention was so discourteous to President Wilson as not to praise his winning of the world war, but the laurels he lays at the feet of the democratic chieftain ought to compensate

for the omission at Chicago. Reiteration of the charge that the republicans plan to smother him beneath a load of dollars does not carry conviction. The governor has demanded that a monthly accounting of receipts and expenditures be made, and this has been agreed to by the republicans. This should have the effect of relieving the candidate's mind, but he seemingly relies on convincing some that his impending defeat is to be ascribed

solely to the corrupt use of an enormous campaign fund by the republicans.

Altogether, the speech of acceptance discloses completely the habit of thought of the candidate. His apparent frankness is bestowed on instilling insidious doubts in the minds of his hearers, the setting up of false issues, and the employment of halftruths, specious promises and glittering generalities in lieu of the squaretoed statements one has a right to expect from the man who aspires to become chief magistrate of the greatest of all republics. Discursive, vague and evasive, the speech is fairly representative of the discovered determination of the democratic leaders to conduct another campaign of delusion and deception, such as they did four years ago. It contains not a word of explanation of the sins of omission and commission of the administration; no attempt at justification of the extravagances and mistakes made by the high officials of the government, for which the democrats must take full responsibility; of the blundering policy before, during and after the war. All this is avoided by the candidate, who rests his case on praise of the president and laudation of the American soldier. The

product of republican brains.

one thing the democrats have done in the time

Wilson has held office to which attention is

specifically called is the establishment of the

Federal Reserve bank, and this was founded on

the Vreeland-Aldrich bill, which was once reject-

ed by a democratic congress because it was the

Nebraska's Revenue Law. An unusual situation confronts the state tax levying body, that of a plethora of wealth. To accept the figures returned by the assessors and lay taxes as provided by the legislature means the raising of sums far in excess of either needs or appropriations. As an alternative it is proposed that a horizontal cut of \$50,000,000 be made on the tax roll. This will relieve the situation so far as the state is concerned, but it may prove embarrassing on some localities. Omaha, for example, will need the full amount of taxes now contemplated to meet the ordinary running expenses of the city government. It is possible that some other communities in the state are in the same predicament.

The necessity for a reform in the revenue law is thus made apparent. No encouragement should be given extravagance in any form; for this reason, the budget system provided for under the code bill is certain to justify the wisdom of its proponents. Economical management of the several departments of the state government under the new law has already netted a considerable saving, and it is promised that even a greater showing will be made before the end of the biennium for which appropriations were made.

A readjustment of the quadrennial system of valuations will aid in bringing a better proportional arrangement between the tax roll and the tax levy. In the present instance the legislature was guided by the valuation based on the 1916 assessment. Increases moderate enough, and undoubtedly warranted by the facts, have set a grand total that, were it followed, would bring into the state coffers sums far beyond reasonable needs. The remedy proposed by the state board is temporary in nature. A law that will operate more exactly is sorely needed.

#### Suicide Not Always a Sin.

Suicide is growing more frequent in the nited States, with noticable increases among women and children. In six months 88 boys and 137 girls, whose average ages were 16 and 15 respectively, took their lives. Suicide in youth is particularly shocking. Possibly the increase may be partially attributed to the fact that medical science carried many children into the adolescent period who would have died under former conditions, and who yield to suicide impulse before reaching adult age.

Suicide has been called both confession and cowardice. In instances it is, undoubtedly; but who dares judge a soul's secret sorrows which lead it to shuffle off this mortal coil? We much prefer to regard it as an insane act, although we believe it may be a deliberate conclusion arrived at after reasonable and logical study. Indeed, we know a case of a distinguished physician, whose career made him a notable man quoted all over this country and in Europe, who ended his life for two reasons. One was an intensely painful, slow and fatal disease. He dreaded several years of physical agony. We were in his house one night when for four hours he battled in agony to accomplish a physical function necessary to life. Once a day he had to undergo that torture. For several years he never ate a bite of food or took a swallow of water or coffee which was not followed by almost intolerable pain. His other reason for ending his life was the fact that his comfortable estate was not sufficient for him and his wife if he put upon it the expense of two or three years as a helpless invalid. So to save himself unspeakable physical torment, and insure his wife from poverty, he left home for two weeks to accustom his wife to his absence, wrote her his conclusions, and took his fatal drug.

Since we attended that charming friend's funeral, and came to know his reasons for hurrying it, we have never jumped to hasty conclusions about suicides, nor fully accepted criticisms of the awful act.

# Another Medical Triumph.

Chlor-sal, a new solution that makes wounds heal, has been discovered by a nurse after twenty-five years of experiments. Wounds that do not heal make amputation necessary if on the limbs, and are a never ending source of misery and disability if on the body.

A modest announcement of the discovery has been made by Bellevue Hospital, as is always the case in reputable medical quarters. Thus the useful profession continues its work of lesdispute. His dissertation on the industrial needs sening human suffering, prolonging life, and ments, and is worthy of its fees. Its greatest advancement in late years seems to be in sur-

> Estimates of the crowd at the Cox notification range from 30,000 to 75,000. And that is the basis of the whole democratic campaign.

Wonder how the Tammanyites really feel towards the candidate now?

Cox's speech in a nut shell: "Both ends to the middle."

Omaha's weatherman is both safe and sane. All eyes are on Tennessee today.

# A Line O' Type or Two

DOLCE FAR NIENTE.

"Persons possessing \$1,000 can spend the remainder of their lives in the Marquesas Islands, where they need work only two hours a day to catch fish and pick bananas."

Ship me to the far Marquesas. For from whittling witless wheezes I would very fain escape.

I would sit unnumbered days out With my back against a palm Where I'd read and smoke and gaze out On the ocean wide and calm.

Far away from witless wheezes, In those islands of the blest, In the sleepy old Marquesas, I would get a longed-for rest.

Every day there is manana. r the native's one ambish Is to pick the gay banana

I would take some dusky tulip-Not to rear a sevage race, But to shake me up a julep When I felt the need of brace Oh. It's there that I'd be winging.

From this world of guff and gab,

For the bulbul is a singing In his ancient boabab. In those isles of peace and plenty I would loaf beneath a palm,

And a transcendental calm

ONE swallow does not make a summer, and one word does not make a phrase. Mr. Harding has trotted out a few obsolescent words, but ing has trotted out a few obsolescent words, but out. If it rolls in, great strain is instead of a propaganda of sneers he has not put a phrase in circulation, not even put on the bones, ligaments and and sly juggling of facts! Well so pedestrain a phrase as "may I not." Wilson, Roosevelt, Cleveland, and many other presidents were good phrasemakers. P. R. especially

was a political "doctor full of phrase and fame." WE hadn't thought of it that way until Old Bab Peattie remarked, "There are two McKins running." "Gosh! so there be!" we gasped. Sweetly solemn thought: we shall have to take

THE doctrine of independence thrives in Ireland, writes Felix Morley, because of "the unparalleled ignorance of what Sinn Fein really Well, what does it mean? One writer translates it "Ourselves alone," while another denies this, and says it means only "Ourselves." There was, we recall, a like disagreement over the precise meaning of "Deutschland uber alles." The Mexican Thirst Parlor.

(Oliver Madox Hueffer, New York Evening Post.) I live at the back of a pulqueria. A pulqueria is a saloon where pulque is sold, which is the national substitute for wood alcohol. Some one who was not an enthusiast has said that pulque looks like death, smells like corruption, and tastes like hell, Actually it looks like milk and water, tastes sickly, bitter, sweet and sour at the same time, with a faint suggestion of a cemetery about it, and smells like a room in which too much beer has been drunk overnight. There must be a hundred pulquerias in the main street of Tacubaya; you can tell them if you are blind by the smell, if otherwise by the fringe of bright colored paper shavings which decorate their doorways. A pulqueria could no more exist without its fringe than could a New York midinette without her powderpuff. The pulqueria is famous for its romantic choice of signs, anging from "The Tears of the Virgin of Guadalupe" to the "Inconsolable Lover." My p queria is called the "Beautiful Unhappy One."

HOWEVER, pulque is not without one shining virtue. Mr. Hueffer says "it makes a beast of the peon in the sense that his face loses all human expression and he becomes astonishingly

MRS. CHAPLIN charges Custard Charlie with "mental cruelty." He stayed away from home, not long enough to constitute desertion, but just long enough to produce mental anguish. The precise duration of his absence wo with different wives.

"I DO not pretend," says Mark Sullivan, "to have much more than mere shreds of authoritative information." The "man close to the administration," the "prominent official whose name for obvious reasons cannot be mentioned," and other fountain-heads of information must have escaped from Washington for a few days. In Which Bertrand Russell Goes Away From

Home to Get News.
(From The Nation.)
I think if I met Lenin without knowing who he was, I should not have guessed that he was a great man; he gruck me as too opinionated and narrowly unorthodox. His strength comes, I imagine, from his honest courage and unwavering faith—religious faith in the Marxian gas-pel, which takes the place of the Christian martyr's hopes of Paradise, except that it is less egotistical. He has as little love of liberty as the Christians who suffered under Diocletian and retaliated when they acquired power. Perhaps love of liberty is incompatible with whole-heart ed belief in a panacea for all human ills. If so, I cannot but rejoice in the skeptical temper of the Western world. I went to Russia believing myself a Communist; but contact with those who have no doubts has intensified a thousandfold my own doubts, not only of Communism, but of every creed so firmly held that for its sake men are willing to inflict widespread misery.

WHAT strikes us as odd is that a man of Mr. Russell's accredited intelligence should have had to travel half-way across the map to discover something of which he might have convinced himself without leaving his easy chair.

"AS a general thing," reports a prohibition commissioner, "the population at large is assisting in the enforcement of the law." At least they are putting down the supply on hand as rapidly as they can get hold of it. THE SECOND POST.

(Received by the Fidelity-Phenix.) Dere Phidelity-Fenix: I had a Jenny killed by lightning which caused her to lose a good Jack. Had a colt struck by lightning and he ain't been worth a dime since. There haven't been know one to see me about it. If you don't get your eyes open I'll take my S. TURNIPSEED.

"ON looking over the Russian army I cannot understand what has been urging them from victory throughout the last two years."-A German journalist.

Perhaps the thing that has urged all armies from the days of Moses-fear. THOSE mysterious radiograms from Mars, it transpires, were Hertzian waves from the sun.

But what are the wild Hertzians waves saying? THE SECOND POST. (A more than modest request.)
Dear Sir: don't think that I am trying to intrude on you but in a quiette way please try to get \$2 more added to my salary a week for the high cost of living is killing me and for that

cause please take this matter to the higher arfishell for me and let me here from this soon. Yours truely, etc. THE Boston idea was to cross to sudden affluence on a Ponzi asinorum, as 'twere,

THE SUN IS THE ENEMY OF LITERATURE (From the Florence, Kan., Bulletin.) The sun shines hot and the corn's tasseling. Fishing ain't good for the water's low. Rain's as scarce as hen's teeth. It's too hot

to write much.

Mr. Bryan has declined to leave the party which he says has "signally honored him" to become the standard bearing of the prohibitionists. Mr. Bryan has four burial permits, three scalp wounds, seven contusions and a stone bruise to show for his connection with the democatic party, and he naturally hates to leave it.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Service Badges.

#### Fable of B'rer Williams.

I hear tell of a man who wuz all time busy runnin' de devil out o' town," but he didn't have no success at it till de people come ter de conclusion dat de devil wuz in de man hisse'f, an' den dey run de man out, an' atter dat all wuz hallelbis - Atlanta Constitution.

# How to Keep Well

Questions concerning hygiene, sanita-tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitations, 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 Bee. Copyright, 1920, by Dr. W. A. Evans.

PERILS OF "TOEING OUT." If a person reaches 20 years of age without having bunions or corns well started and toes twisted out of

shape, there is a fair chance of permanent escape. If the French fad of going barebare-footed, except for sandals, and if it could become universal for all boys and girls under 20, we would eventually get rid of 99 per cent of all foot troubles, and eventually

apologies or shame. This statement applies especially sponsible for flat foot, weak on the ankle, He placed a heel that his architectural

The photograph showed that the under surface of the bone was fair- yet not the only one, I hear. tendency of the heel to roll in or muscles of the instep. If the roll-the millenium is not yet!
ing in keeps up, the result is broken I notice that many arch, flat foot, weak foot or painful

arches or some one modification of broken arch. Children wearing shoes are apt to toe out. heavy the inside edge; the heels of their while they have begun to ossify, are still largely composed of cartilage. The other bones are altogether bones are altogether cartilage, and remain so for a few years. If the weight of the body falls on the inner side of the heel that bone develops improperly, and shown in the country the tendency to roll inward grows as time goes on.

This tendency of the heel to roll inward, Dr. Roberts corrects by sim-

ple mechanical appliances. Ir some cases building up the wedge work at the heel throws the heel even on the outside. The shoe one has claimed that persons who run their heels down on the outside seldom suffer from fallen arches). The simpler means are not sufficient. Dr. Roberts places in the shoe a small brace which presses against the inside of the heel and about an inch up and tilts the heel bone outward.

The parent can foresee flat foot using a small brace to tilt the heel wealth in six numbers, and, as all

# The Bee's Letter Box

About the Capitol Design. Omaha, Aug. 5 .- To the Editor of The Bee: If the late capitol competition had been of no other importance to the state, it would at least have done the service of show. least have done the service of showing what stuff Nebraska architects are made of. That may not matter so much just now, when building in-

t's a bold man who dares to plan a But times will improve, and peo-But times will improve, and peo-ple will keep in mind, let us hope, the professional men who have from the business section are comshown their colors and aroused respect (or the opposite), according as they have proved their fairness wealthy property owners and frankness in appraising others Twenty-fourth street should not be successful work, their good judg- compelled to replace the disgraceful legged could be extended to going ment regarding the same, and their walks with walks that will be a generous superiority to envy (or the credit and not a detriment to the opposite of all these things.)

A letter has appeared, written by pioneer architect of Omaha-Mr. Harry Lawrie-on which he should adults could bare their feet without be complimented, inasmuch as it suggests all the above qualities. Replying to a letter in the World-Herto bunions, corns, curled toes and aid on the capitol design-amiable, twisted toes. Dr. P. W. Roberts but misled-by Mr. Frederic Heyn, holds children's shoes largely re- he corrects the various errors therefoot in, derived, as Mr. Heyn says, and painful foot. These troubles a responsible architect," and shows because the foot rolls inward | that he has made a serious and rewhen the weight of the body falls spectful study of the design, and bone on a mirror and photographed moves him to admire and uphold it. In this dignified stand Mr. Lawrie sets a fine example to his colleagues, ly circular, and when set on the a great thing it would be if all the mirror touched for a short distance, outdistanced ones in a race should Not even the pad of fat below the join in a campaign of praise for the bone altogether does away with the winner, scattering seeds of approval and satisfaction among the public.

I notice that many people are doing a great deal of discussing on the capitol design without really If a person in walking toes out, knowing anything about it. If they plans, as shown in the public library instead of getting all their infor mation from more or less prejudiced Some children wear their heels on gossip, often deliberately incorrect, they would be in much better shape ture in. A parent can easily recognize any of these tendencies. A cripid comments of some quite clev-child begins to walk soon. shoes run down on the inside. The to judge of this very splendid dereaching 1 year of age. At that look at its detailed drawings or hear time three of the bones of the feet, explanations of them. It is, in fact, a sad reflection on the intelligence of the city, that everyone in town has not hastened to go and admire the exhibit of the competitors' work at the library, said to be as fine a group of such drawings as was ever

#### FAIR DEAL.

Walks on South Side. Omaha, Aug. 6 .- To the Editor of The Bee: As one who probably walks as much every day of the year ner side of the heel slightly is all as any man in Omaha of my age, I that is needed. In some a little am glad to learn that an effort is being made to compel property ownweight to the outside and makes the ers along Twenty-fourth street, on the South Side, to lay cement runs down in that direction. (Some- in place of the miserable brick walks were laid in the rough-neck days of South Omaha, and were not mean for an up-to-date city. The walks that we have to travel over now would be a disgrace to a village like Papillion or any small town of Nebraska, and the city commissioners of Omaha ought to compel the ownby the direction in which his child's coment walks in their place. . Most heel rocks. If it rolls inward he of the people affected by the change can prevent flat foot by building up are well able to afford decent walks, for a number of them are classed i

of them ride in automobiles, they

people to walk on who do not own automobiles. I would rather walk

If anybody has any influence with the city commissioners to get them to compel the property owners along dustries are "knocked endwise," and Twenty-fourth street to replace their very bum walks with decent walks. hope they will use their influence pelled to lay cement walks, there is no reason in the world why the FRANK A. AGNEW. city.

### Gunsights

The League Functions. Another war has broken out under the noses of the allied council. Greece is to thrash Turkey, while

-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Prosperity depends more on crops than on politics. And the Great American Farmer is wise to that. days-Savannah News.

Might Mention Foch Now that Germany has signed another document, what reason is there to believe that anything will come of it?-New York Telegraph.

Rolling Hotels. Few people who ride in parlor cars

realize how stupendous is the system of which the cars are a part. It is the equivalent of a hotel with he is very apt to develop broken were interested enough to study its at which 26,000,000 guests register color and thickness.

every year, has \$,000 negro porters, owns linen worth \$2,000,000 and uses \$60,000 worth of soap a year. Youth's Companion.

Curing Bolshevism. H. G. Wells says that hiring cheap teachers is preparing a revolution Here's a suggestion for a practical

What He Means. When a man says he is burning with a desire to save the country he means that he is tired of working

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