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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.

WHEN HARDING COMES TO OMAHA.

Invitation has been extended and with reason to expect that Senator Harding will make an address in Omaha early in October. The importance of this announcement is not to be minimized, for several reasons. First, and greatest, perhaps, it will mean word direct from the candidate to the voters of this region. This may not be entirely needed, yet it should not be omitted.

When Senator Harding was named at Chicago he was not nationally well known and the opposition immediately set about to build up an erroneous impression of the man. Republicans of Nebraska who had loyally supported Johnson, Wood, Pershing or Lowden felt something akin to disappointment at the choice, although those who are charged with leadership in the state gave their ready assent to the outcome of the convention.

Nebraska is one of the states that gave much and got little from the war. Our citizens are intensely patriotic, but are equally devoted to the arts of peace, and have no desire to be again called upon to do battle, save in defense of America. For this reason the Harding stand on the platform of America first gets support from them.

Issues of great moment concerning agriculture in all its branches also are involved in the campaign, and on these the republican leader has shown a forward-looking attitude. The future of the country as well as its present credit finally depends on the farmer, and the purpose of the national administration towards all that has to do with the farm is certain to be closely inquired into by the men whose lives are given to feeding the world.

One of Government's Aims. Government is naturally suspicious of all methods for getting rich quick, and particularly so when they are kept secret. When one group amasses riches without work, and another is unable to do so by hard work, discontent, always troublesome to government, is bred.

Mind Your Politics. Some people regard politics as unfit for honest men to touch—as a corrupt thing unworthy of the attention of a gentleman, unprofitable for business men and beneath the notice of professional men.

The Mayor's Plans. There has been much talk of Mayor Smith's possible resignation from public office, said to be predicated on his ability to do better financially out of office than in. We do not doubt the mayor's ability to do this. Indeed, in seeking acquaintance with affairs political in Omaha the writer has learned that Mayor Smith voluntarily gave up a large private income to serve Omaha for a less one.

Hard Times in the Palace. One thing in connection with the operation of h. c. of l. that should not be overlooked is that it is no respecter of persons. High or low, rich or poor, regardless of sex, color, race or previous condition of servitude, the common curse of mankind hits them all. If you want proof of this, read in the news column of how the king of England has ordered cleansing of Buckingham palace postponed because of high wages asked by the scrubwomen.

Look at Nebraska's corn fields and smile! A cut in the state tax levy will hurt no one's feelings. The soviet follows the bolshevik, and they both tend to destruction. West Point's moonshining marshal evidently was after a record.

for his countrymen an example of trying to live within his means. Perhaps some munitions millionaire will come forward and relieve the stringency; such things have been done in other times, although it is not much of a novelty of late to learn that a king may be thus pressed for cash. Not only does the incident present something in the way of example, but it also gives force to the old English prayer: "God help the rich; the poor can beg!"

Love of Beautiful Jewels.

"Diamond" Jim Brady, peace to his ashes! was perhaps the most conspicuous lover of gems among the men of America. At least, having the means to indulge his fondness for them, he bought jewels for every conceivable social function, and used them for his personal adornment. We met him in the grand ball room of the Waldorf one Sunday night at a big party in honor of Irvin Cobb, and he was resplendent from his heavy countenance down, with glittering collar button, shirt studs, cuffs and possibly rings, although we do not remember the latter.

Few men dislike costly jewelry, although many who love it do not wear it because it does not conform to the best taste of the period. It may be a remainder of savage instincts, but it persists in the blood, even when denied expression. A "gem of purest ray serene" in the tie always pleases us—on someone else. There's many a man who jives the flash of a diamond who would be wearing one or more right now, if he were not married.

But what we started to say is that Mr. Brady had the courage to give expression to his tastes. The most of us have it not. We shrink in the face of convention, repress ourselves, and seek some method of airing our vanities that is condoned by social usage. Is it wise to do so? Is there not quite as much effort to deceive on the part of the man who denies himself diamonds as by the woman who uses the rouge pot? If the changes of fashion ever decree diamond ornaments for men of achievement and fortune, ever make their use as formally correct as evening clothes, for instance, men will dazzle their beholders with the magnificence of their jewels. Unmarried men, at least.

Villa's Unsettled Account.

On his leisurely way to Torreon, where he is to give himself up to the representatives of the Mexican government, Francisco Villa pauses long enough to boast of some of his exploits, among them the raid on Columbus and his subsequent success in evading the pursuit of American soldiers under Pershing. This recalls that the United States has a long account against Mexico, a portion of which is due from "Pancho" Villa. Since 1913 nearly 400 Americans have been murdered by Mexicans, and up to now no punishment has been inflicted on any of the guilty. The Columbus raid was not an act of war; it was outlawry, robbery complicated with murder, and responsibility for it rests solely on the man who has now surrendered himself to the authorities of Mexico.

A Woman's Steps.

Some years ago an inventive fellow with a kindly feeling for women and an eye to profits, produced a contraption he called a kitchen cabinet, arranged to hold in convenient quantities just about everything a woman needed for her cooking and baking. It was, we believe, a very successful venture for him, the strong selling factor being to convenience and the amazing saving of steps in the preparation of food.

It comes to mind on noticing that an eastern woman in thirty years has walked a distance equal to that from Ohio to San Francisco and back, plus six trips up Pike's Peak—half the distance carrying a pail of water. The annoying thing about it is that with piping that would have cost only \$42 her husband could have saved the woman all those unnecessary steps and the water burden.

There is a lot of lost motion in life. The man who can obviate it in home or in factory is almost certain to profit by taking thought of the matter.

What all high-grade pianos are virtually equal in quality is the error into which many are led by superficial observation of tone or outward appearance

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A Line O' Type or Two

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

THE gas company at Indianapolis has refused to supply gas for the international balloon race. Why don't the fliers, porquouiso Old Bob Peattie, apply to Messrs. Hays and White?

LONDON reports that the advancing Bolsheviks have encountered "stern" resistance. So, from this distance, it would appear.

Delete "Disease In" and Make It a Really Interesting Controversy.

(Correspondence New York Times.) I do not intend to enter the controversy between the doctor and the Western Christian as to whether the church or the doctors did more to eliminate disease in the human race.

FILIPINO employees of newspapers in Manila struck because the newspapers opposed the independence of the Philippines. Similarly, the composers in Paris struck because they objected to the editorial ideas of their journals.

When "Mad World, My Masters" was produced, in 1608, the world was comparatively sane.

PITCH AND RUN SHOTS.

Sir: Title for Babe's memoirs: "The Book of Ruth." I am cured of late sleeping. I can't wait to see the answers to the "Memory Tests."

Calling them Memory Tests is indeed flattering to many of the readers.

"La Tosca." Snappy tempo when the sacrificial enters in Act I. Voice behind: "Now it's starting to sound like a musical show, ain't it, George?"

"WE want a change," said Mr. Cox, with a glance at the sound amplifier, "from the old world of yesterday, where international intrigue made people mere pawns on the chessboard of war."

If Mr. Cox can also use the jar, "Chancelleries of Europe," the superintendent of the Cannery has our permission to ship it to him collect.

Be It/ Ever So Yeasty—

Sir: Well, now that you are back from your vacation I'll endeavor to slip you some information. It is absolutely impossible to manufacture a beer that can be classified as beer by mixing some make into a kettle at home.

IS it a difference between twedle-top fermentation and twedle-bottom fermentation? Of course one cannot make good lager beer at home, but a very palatable beverage, tasting like ale, can easily be made in a kettle. "If we desire?" Sure. Juxtapose us. Mercii!

KEEP YOUR HAIR ON.

(From the Door County News.) We take this method of notifying the residents of Washington Island that we did not have the small pox. It was only a case of measles. If anyone should care to ask us, we wish it understood that none of our neighbors have been exposed to it as remarked. So why get so excited?

Ed Aznoe.

THERE is a hint for Mr. Harding in some late remarks of Mr. Crotchet. In pitching to a break, Mr. Crotchet says: "Give him a last one to show him that you have it, but never groove it. When the count is close use the spitter."

Reverend and Dear Sir: For those who are at least a little bit of a student for a moment of the day, I beg to submit the following by G. K. C.:

The modern world is not evil; in some ways the modern world is far too good. It is full of wild and wasted virtues. When a religious man in the Christian era was shattered at the Reformation, it is not merely the vices that are let loose. The vices are, indeed, let loose, and they wander and do damage. But the virtues are let loose also; and the virtues wander more wildly, and the virtues do more terrible damage.

Western Europe has grown up and is a child no longer; but now laughs gently at the God of the simple Middle Ages.

Man is still a rebel; the Reformation was his arm; the long wars ending in 1818 the beginning of his nausea at rebellion, and Bolshevism is his vomit.

Open your eyes wide like a saint on the front of the Cathedral at Rheims and look. Do you see what is coming?

Fidelissime tuus in Xto. G. V. B.

"Some great English scholar," says a participant in an acrimonious controversy over the phrase "It's me," said that if a person who knocked at a door were to reply, when asked who he was, "It is I," it would sound stilted.

Of course it wouldn't sound anything of the sort. But what we wished to remind you of was the guest who fell down the poet's stairs after a night of it, and when the poet called down an inquiry, replied, "Yer, rolling rapidly."

CORRESPONDENCE FROM JAPAN.

Tokyo, July 3.—The Buhrlin influence seems to have reached Japan, a typical instance being a letter from a legion postmarked Feb. 2 in the U. S., and delivered here in June. Which reminds me, no Line has come through since May. I feel as depressed as the hangman in one of Mrs. Fluke's plays, who was in the dumps because he "adn't ad a good 'angin' for most a year."

THE New York Tribune expresses surprise that a person like Charlie Chaplin should read The Liberator. May we relate again that in one of the movie contracts which he signed there was a clause reserving to Mr. Chaplin the privilege of "composing music in his leisure hours."

The Negligible Bride. (From the Sydney Bulletin.) The parish paper issued from Toorak's toniest church put it this way:

"The Rev. C. L. B. Glaysher was married on Monday, and he has sufficiently recovered to be able to undertake duty at Yarra Glen."

As usual, not a word about the lady.

"REPUBLICANS Differ From New."—New York Times.

Here we have, children, a good example of the distinction between "from" and "with." The Republicans do not differ from New; they differ with him.

WELL, WHO WOULDN'T? Sir: Says Matthew Mann in the Duluth News-Tribune, "I would rather teach a hundred women to swim than one man."

PEDAGOGUE. MEXICO CITY reports that Huerta has ruled that "all games of chance must be stopped." Except that most exciting game of chance, life in Mexico. B. L. T.

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