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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 THOUSAND IDLE DOLLARS.

One thousand silver dollars tied up in a bag have been in the Sub-Treasury at New York since October, 1891—almost 29 years. They have been idle dollars, loafing all through the years without an ounce of influence in the wonderful development of commerce and wealth during the past three decades.

Now they have gone to a San Francisco bank that will put them to work, which figures that if they had been compounding interest all that time, there would now be $3,000 instead of $1,000.

That shows what money alone will do when pushed out to make a living for itself. But its own bare earnings are a mere trifle compared to what it will do with the brains of an industrious, prudent man to direct its activity. It is no exaggeration to say that under such guidance the bag of 1,000 dollars might easily have cleaned up $15,000 in the 29 years, after paying its taxes and fair proportion of overhead expenses.

Men get rich promoting and backing the money they own. Nine well-to-do men out of ten owe as much to the work their money has done for them, as to their own industry. Opportunity is always shaking hands with money. It is inevitable that the young man who starts $1,000 earning for him this year, another thousand next year, and so on, and keeps them busy for twenty years, along with the extra thousands sure to come, will wax rich. All he has to do is to save them and direct them prudently. The result never fails.

Why is it, then that after 30 years so many men who have earned many thousands are not rich? It is because they have spent instead of saving, have handled their earnings recklessly, or have been too impatient and have given up the chase. A fortune grows under laws just as certain as a crop of wheat or corn. A crop of wheat requires so many months from seed time to harvest. So does a crop of money. A farmer who would go into schemes to raise a wheat crop in a month would surely lose out. Just so it is with the man who tries to make a fortune grow from 1,000 or 5,000 dollars in a few months. He usually loses both seed and fortune.

Patience with the laws of accumulation is as necessary as with the laws of grain crops, or of business expansion. The man who tries to "beat" those laws beats himself. The only sure way is the safe way. With the sure way so inevitably certain, why do so many men destroy their prospects by their impatience?

When the Pay Check Follows the Wedding.

A fair petitioner for absolute divorce informs the local court she was delirious with love when she espoused the gent from whom she now asks to be divided. Her delirium continued for seven weeks, during which time she faithfully carried home her pay check and turned it over intact to her lord and master, who persisted in giving an imitation of the lily, in that he neither toiled nor span. About the end of the seventh week—note the potency of the mystic number—something snapped, and she came out of her trance, only to learn she had drawn a blank. Now she is seeking such relief as the court may grant her, particularly immunity as to the pay check, which she continues to draw with regularity and the proceeds of which she devotes to her own uses.

All this may seem tinged with humor to anybody but the girl herself, who confesses her mistake. Her romance is blighted. No matter under what circumstances she fell in with the man, she felt herself transported by the impulse of love, and gave herself to him freely. Had he been less sordid, endowed with more of the attrbiutes of manhood, he might have steered the venture to what is admittedly the most desirable of all ports, that of happy, successful marriage. It seems, though, he could not appreciate the trust of a woman, and felt interest only in the wages she earned. Fortunately for her, she came to in good season, and, if the court will but hear her plea, she will be well rid of an incubus.

The lesson of this is not hard to discern. Hasty marriage often leads to disappointment if not to actual disaster, and the only place where the pay check properly follows the wedding is when the husband takes it home and gives it to the wife to look after.

Beginning to See the Light.

Our democratic friends look with unkind feelings upon the fact that Mr. Taft, Senator Borah, Senator Lodge, Senator Johnson, Governor Lowden, General Wood and all elements in the republican party are united in its support. Their comments on the fact disclose irritation.

In their own party they see Mr. Bryan dubious about Governor Cox, Senator Reed tight-lipped after hearing the candidate's speech of acceptance, with fifteen or twenty other democratic senators uncertain where their duty lies, while the south is rent by violent differences. It is dawning upon democratic campaign leaders that a substantial and powerful part of their party is against Wilson and ashamed of his neglect of the country. There must be dismay in their hearts over the situation.

Chairman George White, shrewd politician that he is, started out to win these dissatisfied elements back by crying in the wilderness that progressive policies would be the real issue. But he has been squelched. Cox and Roosevelt have been gathered to Woodrow's bosom, pledged to his plans and saddled with his unpopularity. Already Ohio and New York are out of the doubtful column, along with California, and there is much chewing of whiskers in inner democratic counsels.

Unsolved Problem of Housing.

One of the aggravating hangovers of the war is that not enough dwelling places exist in the cities to accomodate all who seek shelter therein. This is a common complaint, peculiar to no locality, and Omaha is only one of many growing cities where it is acute.

Various expedients have been suggested for relief but opinion is slowly drifting around to acceptance of the only remedy that actually will remove the cause, that of building more houses. This has brought into requisition a number of novelities, among them the entrance of states or communities on programs that include the erection of detached or grouped dwellings, to be sold on reasonable terms to citizens who otherwise might be unhoused.

In both England and Canada public co-operation in this way has been extensive, although it has not been generally taken up in the United States as yet. The public building aid plan is merely an extension of the well-tried system of the building and loan associations, save that the government provides all the capital and assumes all the risk. Some of the suggested schemes for federal participation in the work of providing homeless or rent-ridden citizens with dwellings have limited the amount of the loan, but generally without extending the security. The land banks loan only on 50 per cent of an adjusted valuation, and then demand first mortgage security. Most of the housing schemes are more liberal with the borrowers than this.

The main element is that of cost, and this now rests on material, labor and site. All of these are high, not necessarily because of scarcity, but on account of demand. When building operations have fairly satisfied the emergency requirements, or the stringency is met by a readjustment of population, then some relaxation on costs may be looked for. For the time being no better exemplification of the action of the economic law could be wished than is afforded by the course of rental and building values in the United States.

Can the People Trust Him?

In his attack on the republican congress Governor Cox declares it "has not made a single effort or passed a single law to lift from the American people a load of war taxation that cannot be tolerated in time of peace." He says this knowing that the congress cut down the appropriations demanded by the Wilson administration $2,414,115,144, thereby saving nearly two and a half billions the democrats had gleefully prepared to squander.

The World, which follows Cox campaign methods, says "Governor Cox is positive that federal taxation must be heavily reduced. Republicans, controlling congress, have said the same, but in two years have done nothing."

Nothing? Is the saving of two and a half billion dollars nothing? With a proper regard for the usual courtesies of public discussion, one cannot properly characterize such statements by a presidential candidate and his most unscrupulous newspaper supporter.

But what are the voters going to think of that sort of thing? What conclusion will they inevitably reach about Governor Cox's trustworthiness?

The Paramount Issue.

The League of Nations takes precedence over all other issues in the campaign only because its possibilities for evil to America are so prodigious. If it were wholly eliminated the administration of the government at home would yield sufficient evidence to decide any citizen's course. The wholesale extravagance, the appalling inefficiency, the sectional favoritism as illustrated by southern cotton and sugar, the damage done to business by official meddling and experiment, would be ample to turn the voters bodily against the democratic party.

The league is not the whole thing. The glaring mistakes at home should not be forgotten.

The stuff they sell now is full of adventure. A Newark man after a few snorts climbed a telephone pole and went to sleep stretched across the wires, forty feet from terra firma.

The man who has a home of his own—and can use it—is to be congratulated in these days of high rentals. If there is a garden plot attached, he is all the more to be envied.

"Muggsy" McGraw says his mind was a blank. He can get plenty of supporting testimony on this point.

Did "F. R." vote for "T. R." in 1912? Not that anybody noticed.

Any complaint about the summer weather?

The One-Half of One Per Cent Roosevelt

From the Chicago Tribune.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was taken to fill in the Democratic national ticket because his name was Roosevelt. If it had been anything else he probably would not have been thought of. He was in Chicago Wednesday night and is on his way to other states carrying the name Roosevelt to people who admire it.

He says that he is out after the progressive republicans who were Roosevelt republicans. That is his job in the campaign. He is to put the honey of a name on the trap of a ticket.

Franklin Roosevelt is fifth cousin to Theodore Roosevelt and his relationship is the closest degree of intimacy he can claim. The last time Theodore Roosevelt headed a national ticket Franklin Roosevelt was working for one of his opponents, Woodrow Wilson, and within a week after Wilson was inaugurated Franklin Roosevelt was made assistant secretary of the navy, a job he now holds.

Because Franklin's name is Roosevelt, because he was in the New York legislature, and because he is assistant secretary of the navy, he is put forward as another Theodore. If he is, then Billy Sunday is a Mormon. Theodore Roosevelt as assistant secretary of the navy made it possible for Dewey to win at Manila and Sampson to win off Santiago. Franklin Roosevelt as assistant secretary of the navy has helped California to see half the American fleet.

Franklin is as much like Theodore as a clam is like a bear cat. Before Roosevelt would have tolerated Josephus Daniels as a chief he would have made the Los Angeles phenomenon, the sprinkle of bricks, a national phenomenon, with the focal point in Washington.

Franklin Roosevelt is one of the fifty-fifty fleet men, fifty for Pacific votes, fifty for Atlantic votes and none for the enemy. If he is Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root is Gene Debs, and Bryan is a brewer.

A Line O' Type or Two

Now to the Line, let the quips fall where they may.

Midsummer Night's Dream.

Such a night sings! Some Lydian shepherd's song
Is by the milky moonlight softly trilled,
'Neath tall black trees in gray-green spaces filled
With errant satellites, now led a-wrong
From pale, moon-banished stars: the path along
An overflow of heaven has been spilled
In silver silence, from which Love's distilled
The antique melody, sweet, sanguine, strong.
Such a night sings, and asks for audience
No motley wording's changeful, glib pretense
Nor does it court the scholar's hand-cupped ear,
Which analyzes sound but song can't hear.
It wants but lovers, so I pray that we
Sometime may be its close-clasped audit'ry.

PETRARCHINO.

In Madrid, we read, a weekly review has been founded to which only subscribers can contribute. "Every manuscript which is accepted receives a number. One in every ten is paid for, the lucky one being the manuscript whose number ends with the same figure as the winning number in the national lottery at the first drawing after the article is published." Not a bad idea.

IN adapting it to this column we should improve on it by giving a number to each rejected contribution, and then printing one in every ten of these, the winning manuscript to be, say, the one whose number ends with the same figure as the first automobile license sign passing our window at a given moment. Let's try it on the next ten.

EVERY night, during a recent motor trip, we wondered why the least bad hotels are almost always located on the noisest street corners. The answer is supplied by a Gotham hotel man, who says: "Transients like to keep near the train sheds. People like to write to expected friends to meet them at the hotel right across the street from the station."

WE HAVE AN IDEA YOU ARE JESTING

Sir: Is it true that a well known magazine of poetry judges the current output solely according to the Monroe doctrine? C. S. P. W.

Correspondence from Japan.

Tokyo, June 3.—Sartorial observers have noted that while the Mikado's attire, from the floating ribs south, was of a Boul Mich smartness, everything north of that point touched his person only intermittently. It is now disclosed that in making a survey of the imperial topography the tailor must always keep his head bowed low. Hence, with his eyes reverently focused on a patella, no costume artist could be expected to overcome the intricacies of a convex clavicle or the sag of a scapula, however regal they might be. SIB.

Since print paper is made out of wood, and since sawdust can be transformed into alcohol, it is possible (Slosson's "Creative Chemistry") for a man, after he has read his morning paper, to get drunk on it. Decant your own wheeze.

THE LAND OF LITTLE SHADE.

(From the Comerton, Ariz., Review.)

Some of those people who have nothing to do but keep in shade of an electric fan during the heat of the day, ought to try the business end of a linotype machine for eight hours.

THE National Council of the Gaddersbund is trying to arrange with the American Library association to supply gadders with books. The idea is to allow them to borrow books in one city and return them to the library in another. May we "suggest and request" that this newspaper be included in the scheme, as our numerous traveling contributors are not always able to procure their favorite dope at the regular kiosks.

Boy, Page Brother Knutson and Ask Him How the Strike Came Out.

(From the La Cross Tribune and Leader.)

Will you please publish this in your paper under public debate. I want to ask Brother Knutson to publish how the building trades' strike was settled as so many of the union men don't know whether it is closed shop or open shop, and neither does the public. There is so much unrest among the men in the city that I think that it is the duty of Brothers Knutson, also the building contractors, to publish how the strike was settled, so all men, both union men and also the public will know how it was settled. There is nothing to be ashamed of. If we union men won the closed shop, we wish to know it; and also if it is the open shop, we wish to know I ask brother Knutson to publish in the paper how this strike was settled, because if it was the closed shop we union men want to know it, and if it was the open shop we also want to know it. So I call on Brother Knutson to publish how it was settled, also call on the building contractors to publish how the agreement they signed reads, so we union men that don't know how the strike was settled will know whether we won or lost the strike. JOHN FAIRBANKS.

NO symphonies or other large compositions are being turned out in Europe, because the cost of printing them is prohibitive, not because of a lack of composers able to go the distance. One learns the real reason of things usually by accident. Thus, did you know that, B. P., the multiplicity of saloons, with their attendant iniquities, was due to the invention of a quick process of brewing? It was a commercial, not a moral question.

A LEATHER goods concern advertises, "Leather Goods at Half Price. Save 25 Per Cent." Perhaps Mr. Ponzi of Boston, who is good at figures, can ravel this.

SEIZE HER, GRAND OP. SCOUTS!

(From the Cascade, Ia., Pioneer.)

Our little Eva, protege of Mme. Lagemarcine Grupe, has Galli-Curci looking like a scrubwoman and is coming into her own entertaining them from the mazzanine floor of the Hotel Julien Dubuque, which, among other things, is America's most beautiful hotel.

SLIGHTLY to improve on what James Stephens said about sonnets, nobody is interested in the making of excuses for poor shots at golf, not even the people who make them.

THE BROKEN WING.

A robin's blithely singing in the tree,
But he's not singing, singing now for me;
For he who said that I was passing fair
No more shall quaff the dewy morning air.

The daffodils are dancing in the sun,
And over grasses little zephyrs run:
Oh, once I danced and once I ran as they,
Now I'm a silent shadow all the day.

And when the purple deepens into night,
And stars forget their offerings of light,
I seem the soul of some too-hopeful Spring
That through Oblivion trails a broken wing.

LAURA BLACKBURN.

SIMILES and comparisons which have been worn threadbare should be replaced by new ones equally expressive. Thus, for "like a red rag to a bull" we might say, "like a white collar to a bolshevist."

"A DRY hand milker, sober and industrious," is required by Hays & Co. of Calgary. Is this trade jargon or an example of tautology?

A SWEDISH ROSE TELLS THE WORLD.

(From the Morning Albertan.)

Personal—Oscar Rose (Swede) is not in politics whatever and strongly objects to working where politics are used for influence. Is not matrimonially inclined.

"RAIN Falls Over Portions of Jones."—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Jones, we hurry to explain is a county.

THRILLED, MY DEAR, THRILLED.

Sir: Would you be interested to know that Miss Mary Carton of Earl Park, Ind., sells eggs? MARY JANE.

"WANTED—A cook at once; also a front-end girl before end of month. D. R. Gish."—Rockford Ia. Register.

What's the hurry what's the hurry what's the hurry?

WHAT ABOUT A RETURN TICKET?

(From the Elgin News.)

Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran League hay-rack ride, Devil's Glen. Leave church at 6.

ANYBODY seen a good slogan yet?

B. L. T.

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.

CLAIMS WHOOPING COUGH CURE.

Satisfactory and immediate results can be obtained in the treatment of whooping cough by the use of benzyl benzoate.

"The dose given was from 5 to 30 minims every four hours. In some cases decided improvement was noticed from the smaller dose; in other cases larger doses were employed.

"The effect usually made itself felt within 48 hours, and in one instance there was relief after the second dose. As a rule the relief is immediate and complete. The remedy afforded immediate relief of several spasms of coughing and also seemed to lengthen the intervals between attacks."

These statements are taken verbatim from a brief article on the benzyl benzoate treatment of whooping cough by Dr. T. E. McMurray, which appeared in the New York Medical Journal July 24, 1920. I presume this is a preliminary statement representing Dr. McMurray's conclusions, and fuller and more specific information will follow.

These are strong statements and I hope more extended trial will prove them justified. The drug benzyl benzoate is a new one. Its especial field is the group of conditions in which muscular spasm is a prominent symptom. Theoretically, therefore, it should be of service in relieving whooping cough.

In this disease there is a spasmodic cough. During the course of the coughing the vocal cords contract spasmodically, and the drawing in of air through these tightly drawn cords is responsible for the whoop. The whooper coughs uncontrolled until he falls back exhausted, and, therefore, relaxed. So far as the symptoms go, it is this spasmodic feature wich caracterizes whooping cough.

Logis suggests that benzyl benzoate should be of service. Dr. McMurray's experience supports the logic of the situation. Let us hope that others may be equally as well convinced.

We must admit that the treatment of whooping cough has not been satisfactory. It is a self-limited disease, tending toward spontaneous cure. At the same time the whooping spells are rather terrifying. Out of this combination has arisen a multitude of remedies, each with its supporters and advocates. In spite of the catalog of cures, most physicians, and mothers, too, for that matter, are always hoping that something better may turn up.

It is a matter of common information that wooping cough in babies is a very serious disease. It slays its tens of thousands. While it is not so fatal in older children, it occasions a troublesome, tedious, long drawn out illness, with most unpleasant features.

Here Are Exercises.

C. H. S. writes: "1. What is the best exercise to develop my upper arm? 2. What is the best exercise to develop my forearm? 3. What shall I do to develop my chest?"

REPLY.

1. Cutting wood.
2. Blacksmithing.
3. Swim, row.

Wash Feet Often.

Reader writes: "1. Is there anything that will stop or retard perspiration of the feet? Foot powders do not seem to help any. 2. Would the chewing of calamus or gentian root (as a substitute for tobacco) have any harmful effect on the teeth or stomach? 3. Does milk of magnesia, used as a mouth wash, really prevent decay of the teeth, or would a thorough brushing at bedtime answer just as well?"

REPLY.

1. Apply a 25 per cent solution in distilled water. Apply once or twice a week for a while. Wash your feet often enough to keep them clean.

Pasteurize The Milk.

A. E. writes: "Our jersey cow has not been tested for t. b. How may I make the milk safe for a year-old baby without having the cow tested?"

REPLY.

Pasteurize the milk. Milk heated to 140 degrees F. and held at that temperature for twenty-five minutes or heated for a shorter time to a higher temperature contains no living tubercle bacilli. A temperature of 170 degrees for a fraction of a minute is ample. As the temperature increases the time can be shortened.

Probably You Are Right.

C. C. F. writes: "Am a hay fever sufferer, and have been taking your prescription of calcium chloride. This seems to cause diarrhea.

"1. Should it have this effect?

"2. Would appreciate very much if you will say whether this or the lactate has bad effect on the enamel of the teeth.

"3. Would a mouth wash help to keep them in good condition?

"4. Are mouth washes dangerous to the teeth when used frequently?

"5. Do you think northern Wisconsis a good climate for hay fever?

"6. What kind of atmosphere is best?"

REPLY.

1. I suspect your observation is correct. Calcium chloride sometimes upsets the stomach and sometimes causes diarrhea. Before next season you should have pollen tests made and be desensitized.
2. I do not think so, particularly if you rinse your mouth after using.
3. Yes.
4. No.
5. Yes, better than this one.
6. It is not a question of atmosphere, but is one of the amount and kinds of pollution in the air.

The Bee's Letter Box

Newspaper Inaccuracies.

Omaha, Aug. 14.—To the Editor of The Bee: In these days when the man on the street and the boy in the school gain so much information from the daily newspapers and books are so seldom read, it is peculiarly necessary for the copy readers and editors to scan the matter appearing in print. The Bee has for a generation been recognized as being careful in this respect, but Saturday morning it carried an absurd statement of some person being a direct descendant of Napoleon Bonaparte, and as such in line as claimant to the French imperial throne. The only direct descendant of Napoleon I was the son of the Austrian princess who died after the abdication of Napoleon and whose life has been so well portrayed by Sarah Bernhardt in "L'Aiglon. His legal successor was his nephew, Napoleon III, whose son, the prince imperial, was killed in South Africa in a British campaign against the Zulus.

Another newspaper Saturday spoke of the possibility of the Tennessee legislature enfranchising 250,000,000 women, although the entire population of the United States is little more than half tha number.

Recently a local paper referred to an Omaha family as lineally descended from George Washington. But why stir up old scandals? H. H. C.

Jerry Learns a Lot.

Omaha, Aug. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial in today's issue, headed "Hard Times in the Palace," contains much merit and deserves serious thought. Can it be possible that the "King of England has ordered cleansing of Buckingham palace postponed on account of high wages asked by the scrubwoman?" I had an idea that the royal purse could stand any sum of money because King George could borrow any amount he wished from America. I perceive by the press Great Britain's debt to the United States amounts to $5,233,870,000. This tremendous amount of money was borrowed during the war. I learn there is a propoganda abroad to cancel the amount. Notwithstanding the Anglo-Persian agreement, the league of nations and other secret treaties, the war is not over, or perhaps properly begun. Therefore, I have an idea that King George can borrow whatever amount he deems necessary to put the royal palace in order. Any one who objects to loaning money to England is not thoroughly Americanized and ought to be shot or shipped. JERRY HOWARD.

Exactly.

"There are exceptions to every rule, you know."

"Who's the exception to the rule that we all must die?"

"Ah, that's the exception to the rule that all rules have their exceptions."—Boston Transcript.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

Electric controls permit a new searchlight to be operated from points as distant as 10 miles.

Bulgaria maintains an experiment station where silk-worm culture is both taught and studied.

Of European invention are coffins made of waterproofed cardboard, the lids being attached with glue.

Extensive deposits of a good quality of iron ore have been discovered by experts in lands owned by the municipality of Pretoria.

A Chicago man has designed a body to be bolted to the frame of a motorcycle and side car to convert it into a two-seated roadster.

Of English invention is an electric device to heat the top of a person's head to a high temperature to encourage the growth of hair.

The French chamber of deputies in its session of June 15 approved an appropriation of almost 300,000,000 francs for French military and commercial airplane development.

As a hog pushes open a new pen door its back is sprayed with disinfectants, which a brush rubs into its hide, the lower part of the animal's body being treated by a roller which serves as a doorsill.

The Greek government is planning direct communication with Rome by improving present railroads and building some new ones that will connect with a ferry across the Adriatic at its narrowest point.

A New Zealand experiment of draining about 40,000 acres of swamp lands for farming and grazing as been so successful that the government is planning to spend $1,000,000,000 along the same line this year.

The Union of Netherlands Daily Newspapers publishes a notice that, beginning July 1, the size of all the newspapers will be reduced to save printing paper, and that the charge for advertising will be increased 50 per cent.

A Case of Explosives.

Magistrate—What is the charge?

Policeman — Intoxication, your, your honor.

Magistrate (to prisoner)—What's your name?

Prisoner—Gunn, sir.

Magistrate—Well, Gunn, I'll discharge you this time, but you mustn't get loaded again.—Tid-Bits.

BALLADE OF FORGOTTEN WARS.

Bayard quitted him vallantly,
Alexander and Kublai Khan
Led their hosts right skilfully,
Hamilcar, Hannibal, Charlemagne,
Attila, Alario, Ghengis Khan—
Pray now, reader, can you say why
They conquered, or whom they overran?
Wars are remembered by those who die.

What was Parma's battle-cry?
And what was Scipio's slogan?
With what half-truths did Pharaoh lie,
As he battled off the African?
Right and wrong, in time's brief span,
Our combats fade dissolubly;
Gone are the empires that they began;
Wars are remembered by those who die.

God, on whose aid we all rely,
Jew and Gentile and Turkoman,
Hold 'gainst our prayers relentlessly
The lesson of strife since the world began
Ere we join battle, van to van,
And the throaty cannon make reply,
Whisper this to each fighting man:
"Wars are remembered by those who die."

—Scribner's Magazine.