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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.

#### CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLITERACY.

One of the disquieting disclosures of our hurried preparations for war was that an alarmingly large number of the adult citizenry are illiterate. Hasty emergency steps taken to correct or improve this condition are now siving way to well considered efforts to eliminate as far as possible the illiterate. In New York the commissioner of public education has the matter up with the governor, and a considerable sum of money is likely to be set aside to carry on the work of education among those who lack it. Similar steps are being taken in other northern states, where the menace is apparent.

Coincident with this is a revival of the propaganda in favor of a Department of Education. with a secretary sitting as a member of the president's cabinet. Incidentally, this involves the \$100,000,000 fund contemplated by the Hoke Smith bill, which failed in the last congress. Several valid objections may be raised against either of these plans. In the first place, if any subject of general interest is to be left to the regulation of the several states, it is that of education. While the best judgment of the whole agrees on the importance of teaching the children the things they ought to know, there is but little agreement as to how this teaching is to be done. Nothing so intimately touches the individual as the care of his family, and the greater the state interference in this regard, the less control the citizen has over his home. When his own tastes and inclinations, his views, and, in not a few instances, his prejudices, are set aside by a general law, his interest in the destiny of the republic is likely to be weakened just because he is so restricted in the exercise of natural rights. Public control of education, therefore, should be carried only to the point where it is possible for all to have its benefits, safely administered, and not beyond,

A second and more important objection, applying specifically to the Hoke Smith fund, is would shift the burden of maintaining schools from the states onto the federal exchequer. It is not fair to ask Iowa or Nebraska, where splendid public school systems are maintained and where illiteracy is at its lowest point, to contribute to support popular education as well in Alabama or Georgia, where a large proportion of the poorer classes are denied the benefits of schools because of the failure of the citizens there to make the needed provisions.

Our people are devoted to the cause of education, and will unite to assist any who need schools in acquiring them. They are also inclined to the view that "Heaven helps him who helps himself," and so are of the opinion that some of the millions the war has diverted into the southern states may well be devoted to educating the children now growing up there in ignorance.

## Fishes That Sing.

It is no longer a simile of utter preposterousness to tell a man he talks like a fish. Some enterprising student of icthyology has dug up a list of more than 300 finny denizens of the deep endowed with the faculty of making noise of some kind. Some of these utter sounds capable of division if not of articulation, and a few at least are said to actually emit musical notes. So the sirens against whose wiles Ulysses fortified his companions by plugging their ears, while he alone listened to their ravishing melody, securely lashed to the mast, may have a foundation in fact, as did the terrible Scylla and Charybdis whose dangers the Argonauts encountered and survived. Even the Lorelei may yet be traced to some substantial origin, just as the Kraaken has been tacitly identified with one of the prehistoric amphibians, a left-over from the Reptilian age, even as are the shark, the crocodile and the turtle. One thought is in a mild way comforting. It will probably be a long time before a flock of fish perch on the wire out in front of your home, to break your rest by twittering in response to the first light of false

## Women Show Themselves.

"Stepping o'er the bounds of modesty," as Shakespeare puts it, is a prevailing passion of a constantly increasing number of women, both young and not so young. Exhibitions which fifty years ago would have attracted critical attention the country over, are now so common and frequent they pass almost unnoticed.

Recently Detroit was the scene of a "mermaid parade," in which a number of young women in bathing suits marched on one of the city's avenues ostensibly "to induce women to indulge in the healthful art of swimming." There was a lavish display of bare legs, arms and shoulders, which properly caused a protest from the woman secretary of a Catholic league of

The Bee recently published the pictures of two young women awarded valuable prizes by a shoe dealer, as possessing the prettiest ankles in New York. They were photographed displaying not only their ankles but a generous

stretch of their legs. The lighter magazines of the day print many pictures of women in various stages of undress, and everywhere on the printed page, on the stage, the streets and elsewhere there are public displays of skin that would not have been tolerated a generation ago. Isis all vanity, of course, with an element of immodesty, a desire to "show themselves," a reaching out for masculine flattery. The more serious moralists think it awful, perfectly shocking, and thoroughly demoralizing. It may be all of those things and more, but it goes on, to greater and greater lengths, with no noticeably successful attempts to check it.

Feminine beauty of form and complexion have won admiration as a portion of their triumphs, by public displays, for men are not blind-either to beauty or to immodesty.

#### The Bathtub a Menace.

The modern bathtub is a menace to health, hazard to life and limb. Hardly a week passes that it does not commit mayhem and other atrocities upon those who trust themselves to it.

One approaches the bathtub in confidence. with never a thought of injury. Its white shining smoothness and cleanliness is a lure. The victim steps in it utterly helpless, stripped of every weapon of offense and defense. Even the seemingly innocent cake of soap in his hand contributes to his later hurts. Man's downsittings and uprisings have been duly noted by another writer. It is his slippings, his tumblings, his whirlings and his bumpings in the treacherous and dangerous bathtub of today of which we would warn. Once let the bather lose his equilibrium, even while seated flat on the bottom of the tub, and no man knoweth what may happen. It may be a fractured skull, a cracked ship bone, a slivered elbow, or any one of a dozen painful blows. In the twinkling of an eye a man, sitting on the place designed by Providence for him to sit, with soap in one hand and a washrag in the other, may find himself resting on his twisted neck and bruised shoulders, with his legs waving an S. O. S. signal in the air above him.

There is no exaggeration in these remarks. On the contrary, they are moderation itself. The rage for shiny surfaces has made of the bathtub a lurking monster. Enamel and gloss have given it a multitude of hazards. Approch it with caution. Use it in fear and trembling. One slip and all safety is lost. The old-fashioned zinc-lined tub was a dirty, unsightly thing, but with all that it was not an enemy. One could have a sure foothold on its bottom; yea, even a trustworthy seathold. But not in the modern

tub. It is a peril the instant one steps into it. Could it not be reformed and dehorned? Would it not be possible to equip it with cork handles which one might grasp in an emergency and cling to for safety?

#### An Unfortunate Drink.

Henry L. Stoddard in the New York Evening Mail says Andy Carnegie sent Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt each a bottle of his favorite Scotch whisky from Skibo castle during their several campaigns, for good luck.

He may have sent it to Harrison, usually referred to by Tom Reed as "the dish-faced unmentionable at the other end of the avenue." but if so we doubt the cordiality of its recention. We happened to know a handsome statesman who had been an able state judge before he broke into congress, where he acquired a desire to sit on a federal woolsack. A vacancy occured in his district, and many influential political friends entirely surrounded President Harrison, who signified his willingness to appoint

him if pleased with him in a personal interview. It happened that the congressman, a man of imposing personality, thoughtlessly swallowed a fragrant nip of whisky at a famous resort just off Pennsylvania Avenue, before calling at the White House. President Harrison greeted him warmly, shook his hand, and invited him to be seated. Then the frost particles began to form, and in a very few moments the caller left in a chill. He was not appointed, the president explaining later that he would not appoint a drinking man to a judgship. He had been offended by the odor of whisky.

Six years later McKinley was in the White House, and the victim of an untimely nip reached the summit of his ambition-a seat on the district bench of the Federal court. A few years ago he died from a rebel bullet carried many years in his breast. In all his long and honorable professional and political career he never was noticeably under the influence of liquor. His rejection by Harrison did not help the latter in his losing campaign of 1892.

# A Lonesome County.

A revelation of unoccupied soil reminiscent of the far west of 60 years ago comes from the census department in a report on Cochrane county, Texas, This county, with 869 square miles of area-two-thirds that of the state of Rhode Island-has a population of 67 people, or one to every 13 square miles. Truly a lonely stretch of territory awaiting the urge of in-

Of course, there is a reason for this scarcity of human kind in formation, soil and climatic conditions, but in time it will in all probability be put to good use when equipped with transportation facilities.

## A Gold Discovery.

Engineers have found gold in making excavations in New York City, but there's no excitement over it. Millions have found gold on the surface in that city, and many more millions have dropped it there to be picked up by others. The truth is, gold may be had anywhere.

Labor, sweat, energy, talent, patience, and a score of other physical and mental attributes may be transmuted into a store of the precious metal by anybody who has them and is able to employ them intelligently.

The New York Post has decided to alight in the Cox camp. This will relieve Harding of considerable worry as to a possible incubus.

Germany is now putting out porcelain money, but it has nothing on the "wooden" money put out by some other European countries.

Reports from Europe say the ouija board has increased insanity; in this country it has merely located the "nuts."

The final letter in Cox's name irresistibly reminds some folks of the issue he is trying to

Buttermilk, it is said, contains 3 per cent of alcohol. Where is Volstead?

Fifteen-cent sugar at retail is predicted in ew York this fall.

Tennessee refused to reconsider, so it is near-

Poland is talking business to the bolsheviki. Detroit Free Press.

# A Line O' Type or Two

"I said in my hast, all men are liars," quoted the ancient one; and, as the Scotch gentleman observed, if he were saying it today he would say it in leisure-particularly if he were considering the news from Russia. But some facts come through. Thus, we learn something about the bolsheviki at first hand through the Bolsh newspapers, which, Arthur Ruhl writes, he is able to get old of in Reval.

These are pretty dull, because they are made up chiefly of bulletins from the various fronts, and especially because they contain no "Voice of the People" department: Vox does not pop in the Moscow journals. Soviet Russia is all front and no back. Dispatches are received from the "Hunger Front," from the "Bloodless parts; water, enough to make 100 Front," and, of course, from divers wrinkled parts. To this he adds enough

As for suffrage, which has been assured, we may echo the words of a suffrage leader whom a Madison journal quoted, "You must say one thing for women, they are almost honest."

#### · VERY COPASETIC.

(From the London Times.) Good position-French lady, cooks herself, speaks English, beautiful climate; exchange of money favorable; good references. Dejardin, 18, Port Gayole, Boulogne,

A curious reader wonders why our newspa-ers quote "Reds," while the Russian papers do not. But the habit, we believe, is confined to the writers of headlines, who find the quotes useful in filling a line. Words are either too short or two long for the headliners.

"Chi Duo Padroni." Sir: In a nineteen-line elegy on Reedy in the Mirror, Edgar Lee Masters mentions himself thirteen times. Here's fearing that Edgar is temperamentally unfitted to prove the exception to the rule that no mon can serve 2 m.

A sign near Wilton, Conn., announces, "Green Ladies' Tea Room." How do they get that way? Is it that they drink green tea exclusively?

#### SOMEWHAT AT SEA.

(George Barr McCutcheon, "West Wind Drift.") Out of touch with the world were they for months-aye, even years-and no man knew whither or whench they sailed nor whence they came.

It must be the pressure of other affairs that precludes the English people from passing resolutions in favor of independence for the Fili pinos and subscribing for bonds of the Filipino Republic.

#### Political Mystery. Sir: Wife says she understands that Debs is

candidate because he is a martyr. "But why is Christensen?" she asks. Can you explain? I can't. She wants to vote understandingly.

Cupid is burhanking in New Jersey. Andrew Cheritree and Hazel Lemmon were wedded in Somerville on Wednesday. "QUICK, WATSON, THE CRACKED ICE!"

("From the Madison Democrat.) If the Singer mystery is to be solved there must be found a reason either for suicide or for murder. Determine that fact, and the rest will not be so sufficient.

"Refined elderly lady desires home with private family; Protestant; very little special at-tention necessary."—Classified ads.
Perhaps she will be satisfied with coffee in ped and the morning paper.

They Are Wearing Bandanas This Season. (From the Glenwood, Is., Tribune.)

The wild man of Montgomery county has been seen again. This time he wore a ban-dana handkerchief over his face and threw a small boy into a pond of water and then

A Gotham critic mentions " a party of tenderfeet from New York." Don't you prefer the

plural form "tenderfoots?" ALMOST A WRECK.

Sir: The machine ran through a fence, over an embankment, and turned turtle. Bus was busted to bits, passengers badly mussed up. Cone hauled owner and driver from the mess. Cops hauled owner and driver from the me and held him on a charge driving.

Boston Herald—wreckless driving.

POM SAT. and held him on a charge of-take it from the

Speaking of headliners, surely the weekly prize went to the arist who pulled this: "Flays

## The Second Post.

(An Alabama gentleman reports.) Camp zacra tailor, Capt. P. D. Stokes personnél, adjutant, sir to comply with milintery orders i must without failue go over this morning and get my last knopolation shot. Please except this as my report. Yours wishfully, JESSIE HAYES.

Shorter than the reply, "No but I'll try to make it do," is F. P. A.'s come-back to the inmake it do," is F. P. A.'s come-back to the inquiry, "Is it hot enough for you." Frank returns a simple "No." And when Central says "Excuseitplease," he also say "No." Laconic which I got some help. Now I be done?" C. FORREST LUBY.

## SERVICE JOKE.

Sir: Lamped in a Minneapolis restaurant "Welcome, K. P." and "Dishwashers Wanted." Said a passing A. E. F. veteran: "wonder why they put two signs up." W. H. C.

The passions of the Orient have been greatly A movie house bill: "The Right to Love. With Mae Murray and David Powell Throbbing with the Unbridled Passions of the should have the veins operated on. Orient. Temperature never above 70 degrees. Correspondence From Japan.

Tokyo, July 13.—Old Joe Ballantine, accupying the chair of Sulphitic Philosophy at the American Embassy, explains the raison d'erte of the celluloid collar. Its glare blinds the criti al observer's scrutiny of a neck, which has been the book safely be put in a bookdenied hebdomadal ablution.

"Just visioned an ad of roll-top stenographer's desk," reports W. S. "Pompodour, would you say?" Or Marcel.

THE RESISTLESS MARCH OF PROGRESS. (From the Elgin News.) H. H. Brey is having a new window put

in his garage. This makes the second window this year for Brey's garage. Again, one must admire the restraint of Dorothy Dalton, heroine of the advertisement: "Dorothy Dalton. Guilty of Love. Tempera-

ture never above 70 degrees." Problem of Conduct.

## (From the British Weekly.)

Mrs. Eastwood, a sensitive artist, is kept awake night after night by the weeping of her neighbor's baby. The neighbor, Mrs. Blakeney, is a very self-satisfied lady. One day meeting Mrs. Eastwood in the road, she says, "Isn't baby sweet? And such a darling; she never cries. I'm sure you never hear her." What should Mrs. Eastwood say? She might reply, with English wit, "A re-

NO FRESH THINGS NEED APPLY. (From the Iowa City Press.) Wanted—A middle-aged woman for companion for an old lady. Address W. J. B.

markable baby, more easily conceived than de-

"Baker Upholds League of Nations." "Like Teneriff or Atlas, unremoved." B. L. T

## Inquiring to Know.

In Roumania, a correspondent says, the American shoe is practically the only article to be found in the shops, and the shoes sell at from \$4 to \$8, or an average of \$6 cheaper than in the United States. Now, how would you account for that?-Boston Herald.

## Asia is Boiling.

Taken together with the rapidly growing Arab resistance to the French in Syria, the dispatch from India of heavy reinforcements for the British army in Mesopotamia shows that Asia is boiling ominously.—Springfield Repub-

## Name Him.

A New York paper proudly announces that "the biggest cheese in the country is on exhibi-Why not print his name?-

# How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS 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. SOME SUMMER RECIPES.

Dr. S. W. Irving gives his poison ivy remedy in the Journal, American Medical association. It is: Formalin, 5 parts; carbolic acid, 10 methylene blue to make a blue ture, which no person will take in-ternally by mistake. This is apternally by mistake. plied freely once; after that rather sparingly. Theoretically, this remedy should lessen itching and pain and do little else. Of course, the eruption tends to heal of itself. The objection to the remedy is the danr of it. Carbolic acid is to the skin nerves what morphine is to the general nerves, and like morphine it can do great harm. It is highly poisonous, producing acute Bright's disease, and applied too freely to an absorbing skin surface can cause serious trouble.

According to Edward Speyer of

Oxford university the application of ammonia water to the stings of certain insects does no good except to satisfy the mind. The sting of the sting is pulled from the insect and soaked for a short time in acid it can be driven deep into the skin without causing any symptoms. The wasp eats meat and this may

be the reason its sting is alkaline. The common idea that wasps suck prussic acid from laurel leaves and cherry leaves and that this poison is responsible for the harm done by the sting has not been sustained by chemical examinations. Since a wasp sting is alkaline, vinegar, onion juice, tomato juice or other weak acid should make an effective application. When the sting is in the mouth or on the lips, gargle and wash with diluted vinegar.

The use of ammonia or soda does more harm than good. There is no objection to the use of ammonia on bee stings. The bee poison is an acid. The ammonia or soda may not be able to get to the poison, but whatever it reaches it neutralizes, at least so far as the acidity is concerned. Ant stings are acid, and ammonia and soda water should prove

To repel mosquitoes, use the Larry St. John mixture. Equal parts of oil of cedar, oil of tar, oil of citronella, and olive oil. This is a smeary greasy mixture which will stay put for several hours. Those who object to being smeared up can use oil of citronella, 1 oz.; spirits of camphor, 1 oz.;; oil of cedar, 1/2 oz. An old gentleman who lives in a mosquito country wrote me his method. He has three long narrow oags filled with gum camphor. of these he fastens around his head and the other two around his wrists hefore he goes to hed. This method s not offensive or objectionable. To prevent red bug, wash the feet and legs with soap and water each Grease all red bug bites with salted butter or other salted grease

#### Ask an Ex-Soldier.

J. D. F. F. writes: "I am 18 years old and work in a store. Since I REPLY.

If you want to try setting up exeroises have some ex-soldier put you cises have some ex-soldier put you through setting up exercises. get good from these exercises you hould do them daily. This not one civilian in 10,000 will do. I advise you to play tennis for 30 minutes a Or to get a bicycle and ride day. five to 10 minutes a day or to walk two miles a day.

## Might Have Operation.

R. M. C. write: "Would you kind-ly let me know what I can do for would like to know what can I do if my leg hurts? I have a very bad pain in my knee and do not know what to do to stop it. REPLY.

If you do not get relief from wear elastic stocking, elastic bandages or tight ordinary stockings and your discomfort is considerable, you

#### Expose Book to Sunlight. Worried writes: "Is it dangerous to handle a book after its being in the hands of a consumptive? Do the germs live in the book? Can the

book be disinfected and how?

case with other book? REPLY. Tubercle bacilli dried in a book die rather promptly. There is prac-tically no danger, provided the books are decently clean. To be cer-tain open the books and expose

them directly to sunlight for a day

# Washing Not Injurious.

A. F. E. writes: "1. I wash my hair every 10 or 14 days. Is this too often? 2. After being washed for four or five days my hair becomes very oily. Is there any remedy for this?"

REPLY.

 I do not think so.
 If you will grease your scalp slightly after washing it the grease glands will not secrete so profusely

Eyebrows Will Regrow. Mrs. L. S. T. write: "Will one's eyelashes and eyebrows grow again after being burned off?"

REPLY. Yes. I assume that the skin has

not been deeply burned. 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. DREAM SHIPS.

If every night at six o'clock,
As punctual as the postman's knock,
Our dream-ships from the dreamland seas Our dream-ships from the dreamiand seas Sailed back upon a homeward breeze. Bearing piled high in every hold The treasurers that our dreams foretold. Books and soldiers, dolls and guns, and chocolates and currant buns! How happy would be, every face! This world would seem a different place! And yet, if, laden stern to stem. They never failed at six p. m. To wander back to me and you. And each and every wish came true, and freer a vessel came to harm. The thing in time would lose its charm, and wonder light and glad surprise Would fade away from children's eyes, and we might even sit and long Por something awful to go wrong. If every night at six o'clock.

—F. C. Paimer in The Spectator.

# Suggested Remedy For Shortage of Farm Help

Newspapers throughout the country recently have been calling attention to the fact that within a very tion, as it is a matter of general short time we may look for famine and long-standing knowledge all other staples of life; that the arm will fail to yield unless something drastic is accomplished immediately in the wify of producing an effective factor that will put a stoppage to the exodus of the country youth citywards. "The question of what is to be done?' is fundamental in its simplicity, but astoundingly difficult to answer," states a Chicago

Prof. T. C. Atkeson of the National Grange is authority for the statement that only 1 per cent of the boys who left the farms of this country to join in its war service have returned to again take up production from the soil. The other 93 per cent, according to his re- and adding a 50-cent service charge search and investigation, have chosen as a means of their livelihood the industrial and commercial life which the city offers.

It was upon these men, who were available at one time at planting and gended for the making and gathering of his crops. Without them there can be no planting of seedtherefore the impossibility of resulting food products. "What is to be is truly a question which demands the attention of the best minds of the country.

to in the evening something en-tirely lacking in their own home towns. In fact, they frequently re-marked that immediately upon their their intention to establish take advantage of the greater oppor tunities open to them. quence, when they returned and the glory of their reception and homecoming had worn away, they sought the larger communities and have scom park neighbor. since settled permanently there. It is definitely agreed and acceptcise and recreation is essential in my friends I have ordered my tailor furnishing the necessary relaxation to place a special pocket inside of after a strenuous day at the office my pants leg that will require the where such may be secured in the with my pocketbook. Now this is larger cities. Why is something not twice in six months I have been done along this line for people in "rolled" and it is becoming tire-the smaller cities, towns and vil- some. I am a little leary that our lages, giving the farm youth a place city journals are not very well posted that of his city brethren, and it or exposing same. Hanscom park world seem that for this reason he lines have contributed over \$2,000 OLD SUBSCRIBER. is proportionately more in need of to this class of gentry in the past a medium, a "safety valve," to refew months to say nothing of Beneve the tension and ease things up son and depot lines, and it has be a hit. Perhaps if such a medium come so common people pay little

John M. McLeon of Columbus, O. has wisely said: "Play is the safety valve of the nation." The officials our larger corporations are realizing more and more each day the necessity of recreation for their em-Since I ployes. Many of these men of big tion of Ireland. Mr. Kinder says per, the members of the editorial old and work in a store. Since I ployes. Many of these men of the business have installed devices in their plants where the employes can their plants where the employes can their plants where the employes can play at basket ball, indoor golf, billowerk. As a result I am badly run lards, bowling, gymnastics, etc. Why not a community center wherein down, my muscles are soft and my flesh is soggy. Could you give me some remedy, as setting up exercises? I simply will have to do something or I will lose my health."

not a community center wherein these sports and games may be enjoyed by the farmer, his family and whatsoever, I have no apology to make for calling attention to Ireland's claim for freedom. My plea is that England has no more right faced by the farmers of the country faced by the farmer wherein these sports and games may be entioned and the without any mental reservation without any mental reservatio faced by the farmers of the country s a critical one, demanding earnest thought. It is of so serious a character that any movement that may alleviate the distress cansed by a lack of farm labor must impress it self upon the thinking men as some-thing to be considered. Contentment with one's environment is one of the chief factors in making for increased production, be it of the farm or the factory. The establishment of recreation centers might furnish the very means to establish and develop this contentment. If such were to be the case a long step

# answering the period "What is important question of "What is important question of "What is chicago, Ill. Chicago, Ill. ODD AND INTERESTING.

Pressing trigger grips on the han les causes a new horse-drawn dir craper for grading to dump its load. Gas producing plants using peat uel are being operated in England. reland, Sweden, Italy, Russia and

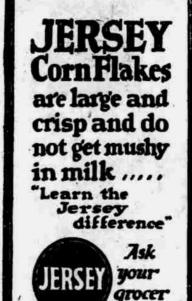
Germany. A Boston woman is the inventor of a space saving couch under which are a closet and drawers to store

many articles. The wives of many English fishermen keep a black cat in the house in the belief that doing so insures

heir husband's safety at sea. Several German chemists are endeavoring to find economical processes for the recovery of combustible material from coal ashes. Napoleon's handwriting was so il egible that his letters from Ger many to Josephine were at first taken for rough maps of the seat

of war. The walrus furnishes about 1,500 pounds of meat, 1,000 pounds of oil and 500 pounds of leather, and the while whale furnishes much more.

The total French production of iron ore during the year 1919 is estitons (one metric ton equals 2,204.6 Of this amount, 91.2 per pounds). cent, or 8,606,000 tons, was produced in the Lorraine basins.



The JERSEY CEREAL FOOD CO.

wholly of Mr. R. B. Howell's crea-Gas company managed to make a

cecessary. What method of bookkeeping does he employ that he should feel justified in raising the gas rates to boot, when he has fewer "mil-lion-dollar" officials on his staff than the Omaha Gas company employed, has no city tax of sands of dollars to pay, and certainthe former gas rates to their present height?

of The Bee: The

It is disheartening enough to have this added burden attached to our monthly gas bills, but it makes us froth at the mouth to have Mr. Howell think for one minute that while serving in the American If the Metropolitan Water board army for over two years, both in this were incurring enough more excountry and overseas, the writer pense each month, in the operation came into contact with hundreds of of the gas plant, to justify this reboys who, until they enlisted in the cent rate increase, we might see service of their country, had never some sense to the arrangement; but before left their home towns. Visit as it is, every citizen with his eyes ing many of the larger cities in and ears open knows that the Met-America and Europe, it was not long ropolitan Water board has considerbefore they realized that the larger ably less expense to worry about cities offered them many things in than had the Omaha Gas company less expense to worry about the way of amusement and recrea- and, by all the laws of good arith tion, places of entertainment to go metic, should be able to make a living wage without extorting such unwarranted charges from the gas consumers.

O, Death, where is thy sting? "FROM MISSOURI."

Warns Against Pickpockets. Omaha, Neb., Aug. 20 .- To The Editor of The Bee: I simply say my pocketbook was stolen and while it

did not contain as much as my Han \$44.00 mine only \$28,50. My sympathetic friends say "sir, you ought to ed that a certain amount of exer- have a guardian," and to appease We have establishments removal of the whole leg to get away go in the evening other than the as to the amount of wealth left ressroads general store? His daily through this channel, or at least

#### than they have been during the past this line during the carnival JAMES HALE.

Jerry Writes On Ireland. Omaha, Neb., Aug. 19.-To The Editor of The Bee: In today's issue appeared an article criticising the writer for advocating the emancipato be in Ireland than Germany had Red Cross to do the tremendous in Belgium. My sympathy is with work that was carried on in the

for freedom.

According to the philosophy of the decision of the State Rhilway commission on the street car controversy, "an average of 10 men enrolled in the junior organization or the street car controversy," an average of 10 men enrolled in the junior organization asking for jobs." I maintain my ad- of any state in the union. them here to vote for the league of paper.

# The Bee's Letter Box nations and work for the

Omaha, Aug. 17.—To the Editor tions, I admit, however, that America Bee. The "snag" seems to be calls a second mother for those of Nevertheless Ireland is my race. eneral where they belong What is the that Emerald Isle without the Irish? There is absolutely no excuse for during the many years in which the gas plant was owned and operated anyone leaving unless under circumby the Omaha Gas company, no stances, to avoid the prison or such snaggy impediments was encountered by that company. And the Omaha Gas company had several more high-salaried officers on its list than Mr. Howell now has on his better the American, is a truth that gas plant staff, and yet the Omaha will be recognized and appreciated with the advance of knowledge.

Jesse S. Kinder and kind to the coning it necessary to raise its rates trary notwithstanding. The Irishman who is indifferent to the assination Mr. Howell seems to have found of Ireland is a danger and a menace ecessary.

to the perpetufty of our American
We wonder how Mr. Howell fig- institutions. The women pickets who are agitating the calling of that tremendous loan of \$5,233,870,000 are good Irish-American citzens. The lads and lassies leaving Ireland at the present time are slackers, de-serters of the worst kind. They are equal to many of those who left in days of yore whose descendants teday are unconcerned about Ireland. They are neither fish, flesh nor a good red berring.

JERRY HOWARD.

Some Discussions. Scribner, Neb., Aug. 19.—To The Egitor of The Bee: Which way is the length and width of Nebraska and south, or east and west? How from boundary to the southern and also the miles from eastern to western boundary? Which do you consider the length and width of California? Is the length and width measured the same direction in every state, or is the longest way always considered the length? What is the area of lake Michigan? What is the area of Nebraska? MRS. J. H. B.

Answer-The longest dimension of a plane figure is always its length and the shortest its width. The length of Nebraska from east to west its 420 miles; its breadth is from north to south and is 208 miles; its area is 77,510: square control to south, and on a line running through the center of the state is 750 miles; its mean breadth, from east to west, is 200 miles; its area is 155,980 square miles, or a little more than double that of Nebraska; lake Michigan is 300 miles long with a mean breadth of 75 miles; its area is 22,450 square miles; its

mean depth is 870 feet. Old Coin Prices Wanted. Omaha, Neb., Aug. 20.—To The Editor of The Bee: Will some kind readers give me a little information on old coins and their worth? I year 1852 and 1856; United States 3-cent piece, year 1852. Also many foreign coins. Any information will

# Helped the Red Cross.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 18 .- To The Editor of The Bee: On July 1, 1920, be established, farm hands would attention to it. Waiving all doubts, be more plentiful, at least more so our visitors need protection along tor (senior organization) of the American Red Cross, and on the 15th of this month, registered as state director of the junior Red Cross. I found it necessary to give up my active connection with the American Red Cross on account of business reasons, and I want to take this opportunity to thank your pa-

every class and country struggling state of Nebraska. As you undoubt-for freedom.

I merely quote these figures in is timely. I am being criticised on proof of my contention that such a account of this patriotic and be- record was largely brought about by those who want the splendid co-operation of your for the league of paper. L. W. TRESTER.

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