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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.

SHANTUNG AND ARTICLE X

Our amiable but somewhat excitable contemporary whose devotion to the president's League of Nations sometimes leads it far astray has sailed into Colonel Roosevelt rough shod on Shantung. It says:

Young Mr. Roosevelt, in his speech at Grand Island last week, made, according to the Omaha Bee, this amazingly mendacious assertion:

"According to Article Ten we plight ourselves to keep in subjugation Shantung. We plight ourselves to aid Great Britain, should she demand it, in the Irish troubles. Do you wish to have your sons fighting alongside of the Japanese to hold in subjection for them 30,000,000 Chinese? Do you wish your sons to be sent on a punitive expedition to Ireland?"

There could be no more conscienceless misrepresentation of the truth crowded into fewer words. There is not an intelligent man or woman in the country, whether friend or enemy of the league, but must recognize it.

Article Ten provides:

"The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve AS AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression, the council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled."

To say that this agreement is an agreement to aid, by armed force, any government, beneficial or tyrannical, to put down civil war, to suppress revolution, is such a flagrant distortion of plain facts and plain words, as merits the severest condemnation. It is an offense against common decency in the discussion of a great issue, and an affront to the intelligence of the people who are to pass judgment upon it.

The republican party has sunk to a low level of morality, and its case on the merits is desperate indeed, when speakers thus defiling the truth are sent out, under the auspices of its national committee, to plead its cause.

No one of all its labored attempts at defense of Article X is more open to criticism than this. Article X says from "external aggression." The treaty recognizes Shantung as Japanese territory. Any effort of China to recover this rich province by force of arms amounts to "external aggression" against Japan, and so to an offense against Article X and a concern of all members of the league. China refused to sign the treaty with its covenant because of President Wilson's decision that Shantung should go to Japan under the secret treaty made between that country and the Allies before America entered the war, and knowledge of which was disclosed only when the Paris conference had assembled.

If, however, it be contended that Shantung is not Japanese territory, and this is the more tenable view, then China is suffering from external aggression, and we would be liable under the terms of Article X to assist that country in defending its own soil. Either horn of the dilemma is sufficient to produce the difficulty anticipated in case our country enters the league without the reservation providing that the issue of war shall be left where the Constitution of the United States has placed it, with the congress which represents the people of the United States.

The president, in his defense of the treaty, said that Article X is the heart of the covenant, and that it imposes a moral obligation on the members of the league, stronger than any legal obligation, to be bound by the decisions of the council. This literally does give to the council of the League of Nations, in which we have but a single vote, right to decide on peace or war. Efforts to befuddle the voters on this point belong with the false and misleading cry raised four years ago, "He kept us out of war." Americans may well and safely insist that the question of when, where and with whom they shall go to war be left to their own judgment, and not to the decision of a super-national council.

The Cox Mind Couldn't Work.

We have observed, with proper regard for all concerned, we trust, the essential superficialty of the political thoughts of Governor Cox. He is quite well understood to be both weak and uncertain in his intellectual processes on fundamental political matters whose discussion require loyalty to sound principles of government, and knowledge of history and political literature. His training in Ohio politics has been to skim the obvious rather than to plumb the depths of public questions. He flounders where depth of thought is required.

An instance of his lack of preparation for real problems of statesmanship, and ease with which he is unhorsed when confronted with vital issues, occurred in the state of Washington last week. A woman put him to flight when she submitted the following questions to him as president of the national council of woman voters:

First, are you in favor of Article X of the covenant of the league of nations exactly as brought back to us from Paris by President Wilson?

Second, if you should be elected president of the United States, would you veto an act passed by congress which modified or repealed the Volstead act?

Third, are you in favor of the United States assumnig a mandatory over Armenia?

Intelligent, proper questions all, at least two of which may have to be answered by the official act of the next president, and the last of which would let a flood of light on Cox's views if honestly answered. The governor's confusion is described as rather pitiable. He had not the courage, the principle, the intelligence, to answer either. They were beyond his mental power to handle before a thinking audience. He ignored them.

So the women voters are left in ignorance, so far as Cox is concerned, while citizens asked: "What manner of man is this who seeks our votes and dodges fair questions?" If the queries had been on rounding up ward heelers in Dayton, how glibly he could have talked!

Lansing and the World Court.

It may be a little farfetched, but some information just given the public may shed a little light on the flareup between the president and Secretary of State Lansing, which resulted in the latter being unceremoniously dismissed from the cabinet. Mr. Wilson then somewhat petulantly told Mr. Lansing he wanted only men whose minds run along with his, and accused the secretary of undertaking to "forestall" his chief.

All of this was more or less mystifying at the time, and occasioned a great deal of wonderment as to what was back of the outburst of executive temper. Now some things are coming out. The Philadelphia Ledger prints a story from Washington crediting Mr. Lansing with being joint author with Elihu Root of the world court plan. According to the Ledger, Mr. Lansing has for twenty years devoted himself to the establishment of such an institution, and with giving a great deal of his time to assisting Mr. Root in working out the details of the plan.

One of the chief criticisms made by Mr. Root in his letter to Chairman Hays, written in the spring of 1919 and reviewing the outline of the League of Nations plan brought home by the president, was that the covenant provided no way for the development of international law. The court as developed by Root and Lansing does this; it transcends as a practical agency for the maintenance of peace the cumbersome machinery devised by Smuts and Wilson, and aims at the settlement of disputes on the basis of right and justice and not on expediency.

This may explain why the president thought his secretary of state was seeking to forestall him. At any rate, it affords ample evidence that their minds did not run along side by side on the important issue. Sometime the world may get all the facts dealing with the episode, but this is a significant pointer.

When a Man Dies

When mortal man closes his eyes on this vale of trouble, it is all over as far as he is personally concerned. Generally, however, it is but the beginning for his heirs. An incident just recorded at Lincoln emphasizes this. There a tombstone was brought into court and presented as a proof that the man in question was dead, and that he died on a specified day forty years ago. This was necessary in order that title to a certain piece of real estate might be quieted. Such a contingency was not thought of when this man passed on, but that it did come up so long after is a proof that we must not only be careful in our way of living, but also must be more or less circumspect in the manner of our dying as well. However, as the federal health authorities have at last admitted Nebraska into the roster of states belonging to the federal registration bureau, our future is made a trifle more secure. One of the conditions precedent to membership in registration bureau is that at least 90 per cent of the births and deaths be officially recorded. Nebraska has attained this degree of efficiency, and now anyone coming into this world or going out of it has nine out of ten chances of having the fact officially embalmed in the perpetual records. Hereafter, instead of going to the burying ground to obtain proof of the death of a former resident, a visit need only be paid to the archives of the county. Certainly the new way is an improvement.

Hail! The Aristocratic Goat.

Just how Capricornus first butted his way into fame doesn't matter a great deal just now. He has been in bad odor for a long time. Since that time when the Mosaic law was codified, and the Hebrews were admonished to unload their sins on the scapegoat and send him out into the wilderness, he has suffered accordingly in his social status. Some have even gone so far as to connect him directly with Auld Clootie, but that is perhaps as unjust as it is unfair. Patiently the goat has borne all of this contumely, has furnished milk, hair for various purposes, sometimes food, and skin for the making of shoes, gloves and the like. If he has used his head at times to thrust out of his way those he looked upon as intruders, it has been his own head, and not another's on which the curse has decended. Now, however, things are looking up a little for his goatship. A California man has just paid a Sioux City breeder $750 for a male goat. Such a price lifts him at once into the realm of the respectable, and he will from now on assume a place of importance. It may be inferred from this that goats of lineage are to be recognized, just as we have the impressive male and female of other domestic animals, fowls and what not, brought to eminence by such care in breeding and watchfulness of the strain as only is given to the lower orders and never did much worry man, and a record will be kept of this high-priced billy goat and his future generations until his progeny shall be as sands of the sea for number and as the Vere de Vere for hauteur. It may even become a compliment to be made the goat.

The Department of Labor tells us the h. c. of l. is not so much in Omaha any more, that prices are coming down. Well, show us. The butcher, baker, candlestick maker and all the rest did when the cost was mounting.

Ak-Sar-Ben visitors find Omaha in its usual state of bustle and growth. We have no apology to make for the appearance of the city, as the disorder is entirely incident to improvement and expansion.

The first year of prohibition shows that the American people consumed only 9.17 gallons per cap. of intoxicating beverages last year. The lid must have tipped mightily some place.

Old King Corn is coming down the home stretch so far ahead of Jack Frost that there is nothing to it now but paying off on his majesty.

Senator Harding is deeply interested in the housing problem, but his concern is mild as compared to that of the tenants.

One thing we can keep house without is the bomb-throwing anarchist.

Somebody ought to tell France and Turkey the war is over.

The last days of summer were fervid enough.

A Line O' Type or Two

How to the Line, let the chips fall where they may.

AL FRESCO.

Crisp as cut stone, or vague as faint perfume,
Fantastic clouds like Chinese figures old
And fabulous, on screens of lemon gold,
People the changing sky. The drooping plume
Of one tall elm nods darkly at the room
Rippling above it. From the western wold
The tentacles of mounting mists uphold
Earth's plan to swallow heaven in its gloom.
Before this is a spacious table set
With creamy cloth, silver, wine-gilded glass,
And candles flickering as the whispers pass
Fragrantly lakeward. Beautiful . . . and yet
Without your smile to crown the carnival,
My eyes see only Laughter's funeral.

PETRARCHINO.

"DEMOCRACY," says Mr. George White, unrolling a list of becauses, "will win because the American people want a League of Nations." How perfectly probable! And how carefully the American people are keeping the secret. One who did not know how they intend to vote would say that Democracy was in for a gosh-awful licking.

PERSONALLY WE WISH WRITERS WOULD QUIT LUGGING IN THE WORD "PERSONALLY."

(Oliver Madox Hueffer, N. Y. Evening Post)

Personally I doubt if the Anti-Saloon League could do any better. . . . I have in fact personally met only one man who upheld it. . . . I am not personally clear where the liquor is to come from.

UNLESS a writer is paid by the word he has no excuse for sticking "personally" into every third sentence. Will Prof. Flint instruct his students in journalism to that effect?

"I SHALL stand squarely on the Democratic platform."—Candidate Walker, of New York.

They are all using the square stance this year.

"We Come Like Wind, and Like Wind Skiddoo," Said Bunn the Baker of Baraboo.

(From the Baraboo Republic.)

We would like to thank our customers who were ceratinly kind and considerate to Mr. and Mrs. B. Freigang in the time of one year while we were here and look forward to your appreciation of our new baker, Mr. Felix Odehnal. Remember! certain parties who get shipped in bread from Janesville better boost Baraboo where they make their money instead of boosting St. Petersburg where they spend it. Thank you one and all. We may be back. The Freigangs, Baraboo System Bakery.

MR. WILSON has cheered the national committee by intimating that he may assist in the campaign. Even a few may-I-nots would help.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES——

Sylvia, aged three, composing a letter: "I'll write a letter to my grandma, and put it in an envelope, and give it to my daddy, and he'll put it in the postoffice, and (sigh) maybe they'll send it." J. K.

"THE GOLFER is about the only mortal proud of being in a hole."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Zazzo? A cribbage player holes out as gleefully as a golfer.

BUT ISN'T FLY DOPE CHEAPER?

(Ad of a Montana druggist.)

Don't let your cow kick when you can buy a gallon of fly dope for three cents. Use it on your hogs and horses. Make 'em laugh. And while we are on the laugh subject you can make the children laugh. Do it with an Edison.

OPTIMISTIC GEN. Sakharov predicts that bolshevism will go to pieces before long with a general massacre. The housing situation in New York might be solved also by a general massacre of the landlords.

Speaking of Names—

(Solomon Eagle, "Books in General.")

You may work as hard as you like in the regions of the grotesque and the unlikely, but when you have concocted names like Arabel Pickels or Marmaduke Honeyblossom Whooping-nose, the chances are that from Clapton or Sydenham or Blackpool or Merthyr Tydvil some Dread Unknown will start up and ask why his or her name, long known and honoured in the locality, has been thus pilloried. Dickens' names look preposterous enough, but he used to get them out of the London Directory. If he had made them up out of his head he would probably have found them in the London Directory afterwards. No name is entirely impossible in this country, as I realized recently when, walking along the main street of a small cathedral city, I observed over a draper's shop the almost incredible cognomen of Gotobed. The only people who occasionally produce an English name that probably is unreal are French novelists. They try to do the thing correctly. They consequently construct their English surnames out of English surnames that they have seen. But they very often put together syllables which, though quite common, are for some reason quite incompatible. They have seen, for example, such names as Oldham and Hawkins, and they will come out with an English governess called Agnes Oldkins, and a sporting English baronet with the highly improbable designation of Sir John Hawham.

WE shall have to send to Mr. Eagle a few copies of American small-town journals, in which the surname of Gotobed, with others quite as almost-incredible, is of frequent occurrence.

THEY WATER THEM NIGHT AND MORNING.

Sir: Driving at dusk out of Loz Onglaze, across a long, bridge-like structure. Said the lady from the east: "What is this we are crossing?" Said I: "This is the San Gabriel River." Said she: "Oh, I've heard so much about your California rivers. They require irrigating, do they not?" BENN KAY.

SO delicious was the dear old lady's dandelion wine, so insinuatingly warm, that we craved the recipe. Flattered, she fetched the document from a Hepplewhite secretary: "It is certainly the best we ever tasted," we observed, as we copied the formula. And then we came to the last illuminating item: "One-half pint of rum."

The Superior Sex.

Sir: While walking with my equivalent she called my attention to a dog seated on the prow of a vessel in the harbor. Immediately I showed my superiority by remarking that it must be a bow-wow. ED.

ANOTHER member of the superior sex is A. H. L., who relates that while watching a man reading the Hebrew newspaper "Forward," he came to the conclusion that it should be called "Backward."

WONDER IN WHAT DUSTY CORNER OF THE COMPOSING-ROOM THEY DUG THIS UP.

(From the Daily News.)

An after-dinner trick much enjoyed by children is to put walnut shells filled with brandy or alcohol into their finger bowls and then light them. These burning ships at sea are wonderful sights, and grown up people as well as the children are not averse to watching this exciting end to a dinner party.

WE will give a walnut-shellful of twenty-year old bourbon for an authentic instance of anybody setting fire to his post-prandial hootch since July 1, 1919.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

(From the Olney Mail.)

For Sale—As I have quit business, the following are for sale: Child's bed in good condition, never used; also one high chair. Inquire at this office.

"CALF. Feels Severe Shock."—Morris Herald. It transpired that the Calf. was a stretch of the Pacific coast.

IL Y A TOUS LES JOURS . . .

(From the North Judson, Ind., News.)

Everybody through threshing. Oats were fine but pickels not doing so well right now.

YOU NEED IT ON SOME COURSES.

Sir: Packing for my vacation on eastern golf links, I dream of sufficient riches to afford a new ball on every hole. C. D.

"THE People have spoken."

WITH a loud hee-haw! B. L. T.

Horrible Possibility.

The French women have succeeded. They have a different complexion for each dress. It grieves us to think what the result will be if plaids ever come back into favor.—Knoxville Journal.

That's a Safe Bet.

France thinks a vice president would be a handy man to have around. Surely France didn't get the idea from President Wilson.—Toledo Blade.

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.

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THE PERILS OF "LOCKJAW."

"As this is the lockjaw season," A. H. M. writes, "will you please print something about this dreadful disease? Almost daily I read that someone dies of lockjaw after a scratch or minor cut of some sort. Is it only from a cut or abrasion of the skin that lockjaw is contracted? Is it contracted more easily in hot weather than cold? Is there any remedy once it takes hold?"

The following is about the present state of information and opinion about tetanus, or lockjaw:

Tetanus is due to a bacillus which is about as much at home in the digestive tract of grass-eating animals as the colon bacillus is in the human intestine. Like the anthrax bacillus, it is capable of living in the soil for almost an indefinite time. Spores have been known to keep alive for 19 years.

In the world war the soldiers suffered unduly from tetanus because the fighting was done on soil which was intensely cultivated and highly fertilized. Doubtless, tetanus bacilli abound in that soil, perhaps propagating, perhaps lying dormant.

The bacillus does not grow in the presence of air. Sometimes it gets into a wound where there is some air, but not much. Under such circumstances it causes no harm, but if an air-consuming bacillus, such as the bacillus pyocaneus, comes along and uses up the little air that is on hand, the tetanus bacillus becomes active and secrets its poison.

Tetanus is more prevalent in hot countries than in cold. Edwards says it is 10 to 20 times as prevalent in hot countries. It probably is more prevalent in summer.

The disease results from the bacillus getting into a wound. There are some cases called idiopathic tetanus where the wound of entrance is not easily found, but authorities are agreed that a wound of some kind is always present somewhere, and the bacillus cannot gain entrance in any other way except through a wound of some sort.

The organism does not cause a local irritation or inflammation. While many of the bacteria remain in the wound, others are carried throughout the system. In 44 per cent of a series of autopsies on persons who died of lockjaw, the bacilli were found in the brain and spinal cord. Nevertheless, the major part of the effect from the bacillus is due to its toxin. The toxin is 400 times as poisonous as strychnine.

The number of deaths from tetanus, while much larger than it should be, is not large. Of the more than 1,000,000 deaths in the registration area in 1918, 1,329 were due to tetanus. Not all cases of tetanus die.

Hippocrates wrote, many centuries ago, that cases of lockjaw which lived over four days might recover. Of the cases that develop more than two weeks after infection, 47 per cent recover. Probably the best treatment is tetanus antitoxin given in very large doses into the veins.

Too Old for Cancer.

R. L. S. writes: "This is the third time I have written you, but have not received a reply. Will you kindly advise me what are the symptoms of cancer of the mouth? I have had a small, hard lump on the roof of my mouth, right over a front tooth, and on the other side over another tooth there is a sort of a hollow. This lump has been there as long as I can remember, but has never given me any trouble. Once the roof of my mouth was sore after I ate bitter sweet chocolate or something of that kind. Will you kindly advise me and let me know if there is any cure for cancer of the mouth?"

REPLY.

A lump which has been in the mouth "as long as I can remember" is not cancer. See your physician. If this lump should be removed, he will do so. If not, do not tamper with it. The cure for cancer of the mouth is very early removal of the tumor, or treatment with radium or X-rays, or both.

Better Have Test for T. B.

Mrs. A. S. writes: "About three years ago, after a severe exertion, I coughed up a mouthful of very bright red blood. Since that time about every three months I have spells of spitting up blood.

"1. What causes this blood-spitting?"

"2. What would you advise as to treatment?

"3. Shall I take a t. b. test?"

REPLY.

1. You probably are tubercular.
2. Have a thorough examination. If you are found to be tubercular, take the fresh air-rest-feeding treatment.

May Need to Eat Greens.

M. M. writes: "My little boy is 3 years old and is very thin. What should he weigh at his age and what would be best to give him? He is very pale, but still eats well and is wiry."

REPLY.

Three-year-old boys range in height from 34 to 37 inches and in weight from 31 to 34 pounds, according to family and racial peculiarities. If he is much below weight you must bring him up by changing some of his habits. Does he get a good afternoon nap? Plenty of sleep at night? Does he eat plenty of milk, butter, cereal and bread? If he is pale, he needs spinach and other greens.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Bishop Pleads for Amendment.

Omaha, Sept. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: For the people of Nebraska the election next Tuesday for the adoption of the new state constitution is probably more important than the presidential election.

May I call the attention of Nebraska people to one amendment which is being fought by a certain class and, I believe, championed by none?

Amendment 38 enables the legislature to curb profiteers in the state and to insure a peaceful and just settlement of all strike and labor disputes by the appointment of an industrial commission. The privilege of an appeal from their decision to the supreme court is recognized. This decision shall be final.

Should this become a law, it means protection to your purse, and a righteous peace in all industrial relationships.

Today no known power exists to curb the unrighteous profiteer, whether it may be in food, clothing, rent or fuel. The situation is not curbed nor adequately handled. The people, poor or rich, are not protected. Therefore, much of H. C. L.

Every strike not only decreases output and increases cost, but disturbs the peace of the whole community and increases the spirit of unrest.

To those peace-loving citizens who desire a right adjustment of financial and industrial conditions, this message is sent, with the urgent request that they register that desire by voting for Amendment 38 Tuesday.

ERNEST VINCENT SHAYLER,
Bishop of Nebraska.

Just Willing.

When the Illinois democrats drafted James Hamilton Lewis as a candidate for governor, they used an energy so infinitesimal that the instruments couldn't measure it.—Houston Post.

— J. Nicholas —
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