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### The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
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- 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
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#### KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

A correspondent at Kansas City takes issue with the editor of The Bee on a question that is hard to approach, because its final answer must be a personal one, each for himself and never one for another. When it was stated in The Bee that "Luther Burbank's opinion that belief in God and immortality are mere superstitions" was given because the great plant breeder and blender had not' developed his spiritual side equal to his scientific attainments, it was expected that the statement might be challenged by somebody whose mental attitude is that of unreasoning acceptance of all things material yet rejecting entirely the existence of a Great Cause. The Bee merely pointed out that Burbank, Ford and Edison, expert and authoritative as each is in his sphere of usefulness, have missed one of the big things in life because they have not developed symmetrically.

If our correspondent were to spend a few evenings reading Henry Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," he would discover that it is possible for a man to deal with scientific facts and yet accept spiritual truths. We answer affirmatively the question of the correspondent: "Isn't it possible that a thorough knowledge of electrical phenomena makes a man as capable of grasping the great mystery as if his training had been in a theological school?" Indeed, it should the better fit him for understanding things that are veiled from common ken. No force in nature is more mysterious or less completely understood than electricity, and any comprehending knowledge one may have of it should be a further incentive to belief in the all-pervading force of the Great Cause, Scientific men are also devout believers in God to such numbers as gives the prominence to the comparatively few described by Thomas Campbell, men

alas, of heaven directed mien, Of cultured soul and sapient eye serene. Who hall thee man, the relgrim of the day

"The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no But the wisest and best men of all generations have turned to Him with faith and confidence, convinced of the immortality of the soul, and recognizing a great plan, to the working out of which, "unseen and uncomprehended by us, all sin, all wrong, all evil, and all violence tend." We do not know why these things are so; profound in apologetics, exegetics, dialectics or prognosis as one may become, he yet lacks the material proof that may be demanded by the sceptics, but finally each finds in himself the proof as did the old Athenian philosopher, who

It must be so-Plato, thou reasonest well! Else, whence this pleasing hope, this fond

This longing after immortality? Or, whence this secret dread and inward horror Of falling into naught? Why shrinks the soul Back on herself and startles at destruction? 'Tis the divinity that stirs within us; 'Tis heaven itself that points out a hereafter

And intimates eternity to man.

No man can declare his God unto another; each must find God for himself. Only the stupid would say that learning is a bar to belief, and only he who does not know is ignorant of the greatest truth in nature, be he never so deeply immersed or certainly convinced of his grasp of the fundamentals of life. God announces His presence in everything about us, all through life, and asks but little of us; to deny Him does not remove Him, nor in any way suspend or interfere with the operation of His Laws. Burbank, Ford, Edison and our correspondent yet may learn this, and we hope they do.

### Raising the Lusitania.

One of the lessons of the war is that if a ship be merely sunk and not shattered, and lies not over fifty fathoms, deep, it may be recovered. The Lusitania went down in about forty fathoms, on a sandy or gravelly bottom, and salvage companies have great hopes that the wreck may be floated with comparative ease. At any rate the work is to be undertaken, to the end that the vessel itself and most of its valuable cargo may be recovered. The process is simple. From barges chains will be slipped under the hull until sufficient to stand the strain of the lift are applied. Then by alternately sinking and raising the barges the hulk will be lifted and towed to shallow water, where divers can work on it with ease. Such a recovery would be a triumph for man's energy and ingenuity, while the sight of the Lusitania once more breasting the waves would be prophetic of a future that is worth aspiring to.

Art and Applied Mechanics.

Something of a shock to art lovers is contained in the announcement from Paris that unless some better method of mixing and producing colors is adopted, paintings being turned out today will scarcely survive the century. As far as the cause of art is concerned, it will be slight loss if most of the pigments being smeared on canvas did disappear before the action of light in the course of time. Admitting this, a tinge of regret is felt at the statement that even now the famous works of Millet, hanging in Paris, show the signs of decadence, and that within a few years, unless something is done to preserve them, will be but blackened canvas. Such would indeed be a loss, just as the world would suffer were the great achievements of a number of other of the great modern artists to vanish because the colors they use are not proof against the disintegrating action of light.

This is one of the penalties we pay for progress. When the colors were prepared for Michael Angelo, for Tintoretto, Velasquez, Rubens, Joshua Reynolds, or any of the great ones, aniline dyes were unknown, but the paint makers did understand what combinations of material would produce permanency. That secret has not died out, but the patience that ground the pigments by pestle in mortar has disappeared before the swifter process of turning out the tubes by machinery.

We have delicate hues the old masters knew not, save as they approached them by mingling their primary colors, but just as we have extended the scale by chemical manipulation, so have we sacrificed the element of endurance, and are content, seemingly, to see our tints vanish almost as they are exposed to the light, worrying little over their evanescence. If, however, the painter of today would be sure of having the work of his brush exhibited in the national gallery a couple of centuries hence, he will have to go about getting permanent colors for his palette.

Religion and Popular Government. It is a fact, not at all curious, that religion and government are always intimately connected. This does not mean that church and state are to be united, or that in a popular government there is to be imbedded a national religion. Following civilization back to its sources, we may interestingly trace the gradual divergence between the two, until today where temporal power is divorced utterly from ecclesiastical, and where whatever influence the church has in a political way is the reflection of its teachings rather than a direct application of its precepts through the ministration of its prelates. But the strongest nations have ever been those of the purest religion, and, just as their people have yielded to inclination to accept complex or diverting doctrines, so have they declined, the deterioration of the political and moral fabric of the nation going side by

At Boston last Monday William Howard Taft stated the case very clearly. Defining the religious convictions of the American citizen as he understands them, Mr. Taft said without religion popular government can not exist. He

The study of man's relation to his Creator and his responsibility for his life to God, energizes his moral inclinations, strengthens his self-sacrifice and restraint, prompts his sense of fraternal obligation to his fellow men, and makes him the good citizen without whom popular government would be a failure.

The force of this must appeal strongly to the student of history. Governments in the past failed, not because of lack of religion, but for the very reason that where their faith was not prescribed to the people by a dominating priestcraft, as in the case of Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, even to some extent in Greece, it was given to them in such quantity, as at Rome, that worship, and devotion became either a submission to earthly power or so perfunctory as to lose any savor of vitalizing energy. The ceremonies performed at Thebes, Memphis, Ninevah, Athens, Rome, Ephesus, or anywhere that civilization and enlightenment prevailed fell far short of the humble worship that characterized the religion of Abraham, who gave to monotheism the qualities that have preserved it through the milleniums and have brought it to its sublime eminence of today.

It is a comforting thought, because it contains the promise of enduring strength, that America is great because its people fear God and respect the law because of their faith in God. A nation so founded can not be swept away; a people so minded will not be lightly turned from the anchor of their strength. In time of trouble they will lift up their eyes to the hills, even as did the Psalmist, and will renew their vigor as he did. Our Lord is a strong fortress, in very truth, and our land is happy because of that ery fact.

#### "A Tip as Is a Tip."

The sophisticated city man, wise in his own conceit and full of a sense of that wisdom, will snicker when he hears of how a Nebraska "rube" gave a hotel bell-hop a big red apple as a tip. But just let the smart Aleck think a moment.

Giving of apples has had some material and permanent effect on the destiny of the human race. It started right at the very beginning, when Mother Eve gave one to Adam, and from that day to this the train of events then set in motion has been troubling mankind. That of course is a familiar story. Then there is the episode in which Venus permitted Paris to present an apple to Helen, which simple little act "launched a thousand ships, and burned the topless towers of Ilium." Apples that grew only in the Garden of Hesperides brought something of fame to Hercules, but he gathered them.

In fact, the history of the race teems with incidents in which an apple has had something to do with shaping destiny. We may turn away from that and consider the point in a more material aspect. Had the farmer given the boy a dime, it would have been in strict accord with conventions. Yet the boy would have had some difficulty in exchanging that dime for a big red apple. He could not eat the dime, but he could deyour, ingest, digest, assimilate and enjoy the fruit. Therefore, just in the degree that the pleasure of eating a large and juicy Nebraska grown apple, no matter what variety, exceeds the slipping of a thin dime into one's pocket, so did the boy gain through the farmer's generosity. It was some tip, all right, rare enough, and therefore the more noteworthy.

And in closing, brethren, let us direct your attention to the fact that the man who has an orchard of bearing age anywhere in the vicinity of Scottsbluff, Neb., comes as near having a collection of money-trees as one is likely to get in this world.

Some enterprising investigator with a gift for figures might give us an idea of the amount of potential energy that is wasted in pots now

bubbling to make "home brew." It's a safe guess that the democrats would have liked Hiram Johnson a lot better if he had

These first days of autumn seem to presage an Indian summer of the customary Nebraska

kept silent till after election.

Straw votes may not finally determine, but they do show the trend of public thought.

Slowly the procession headed by Henry is gaining in numbers.

And the carnival also was a great success.

### A Line O' Type or Two

"What is love like?" All the poets and sages Asking and answering, down through the ag-Give us their formulae, show us their vision: Beauty, variety-yet no decision.

Love is a beggar. Love carries a dower. Love is eternal. All love is but fleeting. Love lies in parting. True love comes at meeting.

Love is unselfish: love's marked by exaction: Love is a spirit; love's fleshly attraction: Love's for today; love lives for tomorrow. Love is true joy, love always brings sorrow.

What is love like, dear? Why, love is like You!

THAT 44.1 per cent gain in California's population is made up to a large extent of "retiring easterners. California is undoubtedly an agreeable place to die in.

"BEG YOUR PARDON." (From the Freeport Journal-Standard.) There appeared to be a mistake in vester-Instead of him being placed in jail Saturday night and released on Sunday evening, he was placed there early Sunday morning and was released a few hours afterwards and he had his dinner at home.

MRS. LOUIS HERBIG.

"PREACHER Denies Belief in Hell-Takes Up Much-Mooted Question."-Springfield Re-We fancied that the question had stopped

mooting some time ago, didn't you?

We'll Order It at Once. Sir: Observing your occasional half-hearted yielding to Conrad as an alleged translator of the "feel" of the open sea, and also bligewater, I am wondering if you ever had the education of Trelawney's "Autobiography of a Son." If you haven't, why, there's a new printing of it out for persons who are privileged to read with their brains as well as Whether he was more creator than their eyes. Whether he was more creator than recorder I know not; but he puts the finest stuff over the plate. Then you can revise your Conrad. Huh!

"THE old lady in the berth opposite," re ports a reader enroute, "said she could only sleep with her head toward the west. As the train was traveling northwest she had to reset herself by the compass every little while."

CURFEW SHALL NOT RING TONIGHT. ir: The practice of ringing the 9 o'clock owing to the many protests from the inhabitants. As Lewellen is geographically located, 9 o'clock arrives in the middle of the night; and the railroad agent, who was the only LOU ELLEN this hour, loses a job.

PERUSAL of the fiction in the Sunday paper As frexample: "Some strange influence was drawing me with invisible neurotic wires. The not only demands reality and accumate was like the beating of a not only demands reality and accumate was like the not only demands reality and accumate was like the not only demands reality and accumate was like the not only dema

Chance of a Coupla Lifetimes.

Sir: In Kansas City some of the merchants at least are hitting h. c. l. an awful wallop. I saw in a heir store of a special feet of a spec saw in a hair store an offer of a special for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday twenty-four curls for \$3.98. I can see no reason for any one being without them. If one should feel she can't use them all she might form a Curl Club; in this way three girls could get eight curls each for \$1.33, and eight real fuzzy ones will make most of the present day damsels look topheavy. Of course, if a girl's father is a plumber or something, and she doesn't have to consider expense, or if she is proud and does not want to join a club, she can use what she needs for herself, put the rest on the dog, or send them to the foreign missions.

HOWEVER, we were prepared for the fem. fashion note that "the new suits are unimportant as to skirts."

IN WHICH FORBEARANCE ALMOST CEASES TO BE A VIRTUE.

(From an Eau Claire Journal.) To the Public: City boys, bathing in the creek that runs through my place a mile or two south of Eau Claire, stole apples from my tree and broke it down and are stealing plums though they are not yet ripe. I pay for my farm and pay taxes on it and if I miss any more of my crops I shall get a buildog to protect my property HENRY MARTIN.

WHERE but in Boston would one lamp the

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"BROWN Beetle Attacking Corn Observes Expert."-Carbondale Free Press. But as the expert appeared inoffensive, the beetle resumed its attack on the corn. EVENING.

The sun has set, the glimmering world is still, And in the near-by meadow, solemn trees Past their green prime and by the wayward

This hour unvisited, reflect at will.

Much have they gleaned from both the sky and Their tranquil breathings seem to find my ear,

And from the shadowy hedge I hear A hundred voices delicate in kind, Most friendly, fluting, soft, and unafraid— A scarcely broken ring of choric sound. Twice in the lane old Dolly stamps the ground, Then lays her down unseen in thickening shade,

Seeking the rest which all the earth deems good. Save from one bird that quavers from the wood. "SOLDIERS at Belfast surprised a body of Sinn Feiners at bombing practice in the hills."

May not a group of healthy, good natured boys enjoy a bit of recreation in the morning unmolested by the meddling military? THE END OF A PERFECT MORNING.

(Emington, Ill., item.) Reports reached this office that Albert Jacobs of Kempton and Miss Margaret Ewing of Emington were married at Loretto at 7 p. m. Wednesday morning.

C. B. FALLS, we note with pleasure, won first prize in a poster competition conducted by the Victory Hall Association. Charles made one of our books worth while by drawing illustrations for it.

THE SECOND POST. (A Jap section man to his roadmaster at Sherldan.)

Dear Sir: When Mr. Supt in a good humor, will you ask him if he can let me have old scale house at Dietz that dismantled otherday for wash house? Very much appreciate if let me have as too many kids in the house and best things for woman to wash day in out side.

"PUPPIES Born in the Sky."—Headline. Not plane dog, ventures J. T. L.; and he offers choice of airdale, sky terrier, sun dog. and-But roll your own

TOO EASY. Sir: Add dangerous occupations: scoffing in Canada. The Station Hotel at Welland advertises "Quick Lunch—Gasoline," and a sign in the Clifton at Niagara Falls says Tomain Dining Room. Now to dash off a heading: Those who came to scoff remained to . . . 'Sfarzicango. [If you don't print this I'll know it is because you can't finish it either.]

MR. HUGHES says the League has "a bad heart." And so-according to that other eminent diagnostician. Dr. Wilson-has the

#### What Boys of 1920 Are Reading

(From Gas Logic).

WHAT ARE THE BOYS READING? WHAT ARE THE BOYS READING?

Fifty years ago the boys of America were reading Dick Turpin, Claude Duval and other favorite Beadle publications; the Jack Harkaway stories in the Boys and Girls Weekly, the Chimney Corner, the Waverly Magazine and the New York Ledger, if their parents had no supervision over their literature. In the latter case "Unele Tom's Cabin," "Sanford and Merton," Oliver Optic's stories and the Youth's Companion were prescribed, and those first mentioned proscribed.

We wonder what the boys of 1920, between 10 and 16 years of age, are reading, and how their natural selections would compare with those of the boys of 50 years ago?—Omaha (Neb.) Bee.

The above editorial comment of a leading western newspaper was very throughout the country. "Hank." whose "Letters to his parents" was a feature of the August Gas Logic and who spent the summer in a camp with about 170 other youths. was asked to make a canvass of his comrades and let Gas Logic know just what manner of literature most interests the boys of today. His answer, printed herewith, is highly illuminative. "Hank" was 14 years ing against those "boy classics."

The general trend of boys' readold last November, "To the Editor of Gas Logic: In

your letter you asked me to tell you that books and papers boys read today. I have asked the fellows in our tent and many others and they all have their favorite authors. In father's day it was Oliver Optic, but his books are not read very much by boys nowadays.

Our counselor often reads to us evenings and Sherlock Holmes and stories about Robin Hood are the ones that the fellows like the most. The most popular magazines with the boys in camp are The Open Road, American Boy's Life and Popular Mechanics.

The books that are easy to read and exciting are "Base Ball Joe on the Big League" and books like that. "Tarzan" is the most popular book all around with boys and counselors alike. There are a bunch of them. There are more books by the same author-"A Trip to Mars" and other books with names like that. There are others that were just as popular last winter and the winter before. such as "Jimmy Dale," supposed to be a noted "safe cracker.

Then there are the stories for the fellows who are 14 and up. The favorites are Poe and O. Henry, all of Doyle's detective stories, and Scott. There are what I'm getting

to like best. I hope this will give you a better idea of what the boys of today like

HANK." Pity the poor author who writes for the small boy of today. His is power of holding his attention. The boy of today is keenly alive to national and international conditions, chiefly through the medium of the newspaners, and as a result of his deep and tireless interest in the war. ing equal, with a little skillful guid-In other words, the modern boy is not satisfied with merely surface ster will invariably prefer the knowledge. He is not so easily written book to the slovenly one. It in the making that he never hesi-

tates to question The war made daily life replete with excitement of the sort a boy likes and no artificial sensationaltories based on purely imaginative to make that person a real lov happenings could not compete with the reality of the big things which were occurring daily. The latest scientific discoveries and inventions which the demands of the war caused to develop with startling rapidity, thrilled youthful readers quite as much as the exploits of "Dead-Eye Dick" and "Frank Merriwell" enthralled a former generation. In-

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find out the very latest in airplane, submarine and wireless invention. Moving pictures have their share in moulding a boy's reading. The Tarzan books are widely read for this very reason as well as other books by the same author, such as

Sleuth" was forgotten in the race to

"A Trip to Mars."
The Boy Scout movement also has begun to show its influence in the selection of books made. Dan Beard, books on camping and outdoor life all have great appeal which has increased considerably since the boys

began joining "the scouts." Jules Verne is quite as popular as he ever was, but Horatio Alger is "out." Oliver Optic is also considered as belonging to the past by the greater number of boy readers today. The boys themselves say of this type of book that "after you have read one or two of them would never have thought of bring-

ing shows the chief difference be the modern grandfather. The modern boy is not taken in so much by mystery and il-lusion as such. He has a broader cutlook on life and a larger vision. will not prove fata to any of the. He finds reality far more enticing and startling than imagination. His needs for mental entertainment are correspondingly great and the type of straightaway fiction book without basis of fact fails to interest as it

once did.

The daily newspapers are widely read, too, and the youngsters con-ecutrate particularly on the sport pages. In the magazine field they find their chief interest in "The American Boy," "Boy Life," "The Open Road," "Youth's Companion," and "Popular Mechanics."

so radically different from his ancestors, for he still loves the advenurous type of story-whether of Indians, pioneer life, exploration or detective sleuthing—but his broader knowledge of events has made him more particular as to the telling of a story as well as to its subject mat-Many mothers go to the librarian and ask, "How can likeep my boy from reading cheap detective stories?" The answer given by the understanding librarian is "By giving him the very best type of de tective stories there are. Uncon Unconsciously you will find that your son will naturally become interested in the better grade of books of this ride because he is made curious by your keeping something from him.

of the books which seem to have the greatest appeal for him. It is the opinion of the children's librarian that as a rule a boy's appreciation and intelligence are rated too low and that, other things be ance in selection, a normal youngmisled as was his grandfather, for is just a matter of pointing out to he has seen so much of the world him that there really are incresting books which are not in the least goody-goody.

A taste for reading, however, ac-cording to the librarian who has made this her life study. ism was needed to hold his interest. formed before the age of 12 years reading just for the joy of it. While no set rules can be set down as to the proper method of cultivating a love for good books, yet it is her idea that if a child were to hear bits of good poetry and Mother Goose at the age of 5 years and this is much as the exploits of "Dead-Eye Dick" and "Frank Merriwell" types of fairy tales, folk lore and the internal in charge of the legend—Kipling's "Jungle Books" and "Just So Stories," etc—that a children's department at the public fairly firm foundation would be laid library at Fifth avenue and Fortysecond street says that it was neces-sary to transfer some of the war books dealing with the scientific side

### now to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS duestions concerning hygiene, sanita-tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The mitted to Dr. Evans by reasers of the Bec, will be answered personally, sub-ject to proper limitation, 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.

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RETAINING ONE'S YOUTH. Dr. Adam Wright, one of the finst old men in Canada, gives his reflections on how to live to a ripe old age. He says a man who reaches 50 in ordinary health and vigor should live to reach 90 or 100. He quotes Chauncey Depew's plan. Early in life Chauncey smoked 20 or more cigars a day. He found that was making him nervous. Twenty years ago he reduced his daily allowance is sparing in his indulgence in alco-

hol, limiting himself to one pint of champagne a day. This Sir Herfind they are all alike. There's man Weber, who wrote a book on nothing new or different in them." longevity, in common with most an indictment their grandfathers others who have written on the subject, would not approve. Adam Wright, however, for he advises old men to take a little good rye whisky daily. Although Chauncey has a world reputation as a diner, he eats very sparingly. He gave up eating beef 30 years ago. Now we come to the emphasized ert of his plan in Dr. Wright's statement. He works 44 hours a

week and takes a keen interest it current events. He is of a cheerful disposition, is even tempered and gets lots of pleasure out of life. All who heard him speak to the repub lican convention last June will agree that he has many years of happy vigorous life before him. No kid in the convention could

match wits with this wonderful old man, and, in spite of his years, he held that audience of 15,000 as no vounger man was able to do. Wright says for 50 years n

man in Canada did more work than Sir George Ross, premier of Ontario It, isn't that the modern boy is However, he may have been in his youth, in his old age he was very careful and methodical in his habits He worked eight hours a day, but he broke his day into short work periods. He would drive hard for two hours and then stop for a short resting spell. After that he would drive Each afternoon he slept for three-



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quarters of an hour on a sofa. night he slept eight and one-half hours. During his later life he was crippled from rheumatism and could take little exercise, except such as he could get in the way of gymnasties in his bath room.



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