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The Bee's Platform

- New Union Passenger Station. L. Continued improvement of the Nobrasks Highways, including the pave-ment of Main Theroughfares 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 Omaka, with City Manager form of Government.

STATE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

The opposition, such as it now amounts to, to the republican party in Nebraska, stops every once is a while in its hymn of praise to the League of Nations and sets up a mournful howl about the "code bill." Now, the code bill is only a sincere attempt to carry out a mandate from the people to give the state a better administration of its business affairs. In the republican platform of 1918 was contained a plank which definitely and explicitly promised to institute a reform in public business. It set out clearly that a budget would be adopted, that the overlapping, interfering and unnecessary boards and commissions on which the government rested would be remodeled, co-ordinated or abolished, as would be found necessary, in order that economy and efficiency might be established instead of the waste and disorder that existed.

The people accepted this pledge as worth its face value, and, despite the personal appeal from the White House that they retain the democrats in office, voted to give the republicans a chance to carry out their pledge. The code bill came out of this. It is not presented as a perfect law, but it is a vast improvement over what had existed. It has done away with the confusion that resulted from the multiplication of officials, charged with performing the same duties, but under the control of different boards or commissions with co-ordinate powers but no community of action. The business of the state now is carried on under the direction of the exccutive officer of the state. That is all the code bill set out to do. Experience under it so far has shown the wisdom of the plan. Such weaknesses as have been discovered will be remedied by amendment, it will be improved in some par-ticulars, and retained on the books will continue to give Nebraska good government and value received for each dollar expended for administrafive purposes. More than this can not be ex-

In passing, it may be noted that if our democratic brethren were to turn their eyes to New York, they might get a little consolation. There Governor Smith, idol of Tammany, is advocating just such a measure as the code bill. He points out that New York is governed by 186 boards or commissions, each independent of the other, just as they were in this state, interfering with one another, frequently duplicating work, and costing a lot of money. He proposes to consolidate these separate bodies, so that the state administration will be unified, and made efficient and less expensive.

Is it consistent to blame Governor McKelvey for assisting in doing what the republican party of Nebraska pledged itself to do, when Governor Smith of New York is planning to do the very same thing?

One of Earth's Meanest Men.

The dog has been referred to many times as man's best friend. He is a symbol of fidelity, of affectionate attachment, and has so often proved his value that his right to human association is no longer questioned. When one is lost, a search is made for him, as if he were a child of the family; when one is sick or injured, he is given tender care, and nursed to health again if possible, and when one dies he is generally sincerely mourned. This does not mean that all dogs are worthy of the confidence of man. Many are mere nuisances, simply for the reason that they have not been properly trained, and are allowed to live their own lives according to their canine lights. Such dogs may be dealt with according to law. But, did you ever see a dog die from the effects of strychnine poisoning? If so, you were impressed with a spectacle of such terrible agony that you never can forget it, and that leads up to what we are trying to get at. The man who will poison a dog by surreptitiously distributing bait containing strychnine is too mean for classification. Aside from all other considerations, the needless suffering he causes a dumb brute stamps him as a selfish miscreant of cowardly character. The Bee has full regard for those who do not like dogs, for those who protest against the depredations of the fourfooted marauders, and fully upholds their right to appeal to the law for protection, but the indiscriminate poisoning of dogs is a crime for which no adequate punishment is provided, and as yet no phrase invented to accurately characterize it.

Patient, but Very Particular.

The arrest of an alien for having a hunting license without having naturalization papers may serve to waken up some of the foreign sojourners in our country. It may seem that Uncle Samuel is getting a little bit pernicketty about these matters, but the old gentleman insists that certain privileges of life in this favored land are yet reserved for the exclusive enjoyment of his nephews and nieces, and are denied to the casual visitor. America is a good land to live in, to make money in, to do a lot of things in that can not be nearly so well done in others, and these admitted facts are the very best possible argument for the preservation of those rights and privileges through the most jealous watchfulprivileges through the most jealous watchfulness. If the resident who was born abroad wants to participate in the fall shooting in Nebraska, he should proceed to equip himself at to the shortage of houses.—Boston Transcript. once with the documents that prove him to have formally accepted American citizenship, with its responsibilities and duties as well as its privileges and pleasures. As a taxpayer and voter he will

not be denied the right of owning a shotgun, and, properly licensed, may go forth to slay the game birds of the land, just as freely as does the native born, who is subject to the same restrictions of the law. Uncle Sam is patient with the sojourner, but he is also getting more and more particular about some things, having learned one lesson quite thoroughly during the last few years.

Mr. Wilson's Opponents.

In his appeal to the American people in behalf of the League of Nations, the president is rather unfortunate in his selection of words to characterize those who do not agree with him. The casual or uninformed reader might gather the presumption that those, both in and out of his party, who are listed by Mr. Wilson in his generalization as being opposed to the league are ignorant, prejudiced, mentally inferior, or in some way disqualified for making a decision on the document and whither it may lead. Such an assumption takes in considerable territory.

Among those who do not give adherence to the president's views are a former president of the United States and two former secretaries of state, either of whom may well and entirely justify the assertion that he has had some experience in the field of international affairs; at least one historian as capable if not as popular as the author of "The New Freedom," and quite a respectable group of constitutional lawyers, whose experience and training fits them to examine into and analyze a proposition as closely and perhaps as exactly as can the president. Any of these men is entitled to a hearing for himself, and that they have drawn conclusions that differ most materially from those announced by Mr. Wilson suggests the possibility of his being mistaken at least in some sense. Certainly he does not seriously challenge the patriotism of William Howard Taft, Elihu Root, Senator Knox, Senator Lodge, Senator Thomas, Senator Smith of Georgia, Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, or others who decline to subscribe to his views or accept the dogma he lays down? Many of these are good democrats, for twenty-three of that party voted in the senate to accept the Lodge reservations.

Mr. Wilson's appeal is that of a special pleader. It is advoitly phrased, with the unhappy exception herein noted, cleverly putting Article X where the least possible light will fall directly upon it. No word is said as to the candidacy of Governor Cox, the inference being that a vote for Cox is a vote for Article X. In one of his recent talks the governor emphatically stated that he is the candidate for president, not Mr. Wilson. The president has equally declared himself to be but a "private," tacitly recognizing the Cox leadership. From this one might argue that the effect of the White House conference, and the pledge then made to redeem all the promises of the present administration, has not worn off, at least not so far as Woodrow Wilson is concerned, and that Governor Cox will be expected to do what he then

At any rate, the republicans long ago accepted the challenge of the president to the issue he has named, the covenant without dotting an "i" or crossing a "t" or the covenant with such reasonable interpretative reservations as shall safeguard American interests at all points. Also, the letter raises another issue: The platform of the party declares in favor of accepting reservations; its candidate has so expressed himself. and now the president asks for a vote to support his unreserved covenant. One might think the demotrats are getting mixed up.

Potato Peelings and Perpetual Youth.

Another fountain has been discovered, at which those who sip or dip will come forth blessed with everlasting charms of youth, beauty and all that goes with it. This one is especially dedicated to women. Hereetofore it has been man who has sought the rejuvenating influence of something that would restore his wasted power. Woman has been left out of it. No interstitial glands for her, no Brown-Sequard elixir to warm her chilling pulse, to quicken her heart beat or restore the faded roses of her cheeks. She now has her chance, though, and how simple it is. Just a diet of potato peelings and oatmeal. These are to be rendered palatable by a proportional admixture of apple parings and sour milk. Sounds inviting, doesn't it? Yet we may be pardoned for some skepticism. Our neighbors to the south, according to an old song, "Ate 'em skins and all," but so far as known none have developed immortality in the flesh, nor such transcendant beauty as would negate the comment of Rosalind on the shepherdess, who "might, without a candle, go dark to bed." Admitting that it is all true, however we opine that a majority of the dear girls will take a chance on growing old, relying on such lotions and ungents as they now possess, rather than to diet on the food suggested by the discoverer.

"The gross ignorance and impudent audacity" of the men who put the Constitution of the United States above the Treaty of Versailles amazes the president, who will probably be even more amazed when he finds out how many there

Denizens of Farnam street are enjoying a holy calm they never knew existed. But the street car traffic will soon be restored and the noise that goes with it will be welcome once

Echoes of the Mexican election still are heard the form of upheavals in state governments. It takes some time for our emotional brethren to get cooled out after a campaign.

Louis Seibold comforts the democrats with the vision of "weak spots" in the republican campaign. Show us, Louis.

Give Debs credit for something. He refuses to line up with the internationale.

We prophesy that the current World's Series will be decided on its merits.

Douglas county made the 200,000 mark with-

out much trouble.

Some of the near east "relievers" had a good

time, anyway.

Reckless drivers still are too numerous.

No Cottages to Spare.

What Is a Strike?

A strike is now merely a "vacation" by "out-vs." If it wins it's a union victory.—Wall

A Line O'Type or Two

SIR HENRY AND THE DRAGON. This knight has played a part in many crises; With one lone ship he hoped to end the war, And now he has the dragon of high prices Pinned down with his tin-sword upon the floor.

'A halo for St. Henry!' cry the papers, But round about there stands a crowd of gapers

And some with sneering smirk, their shoulders 'Old Hank,' they say, 'found business getting

Who wants to swap a kingdom for a flivver, Or spend a roll for nalf a ton of junk? 'Philanthropist!' cry others. 'Like the devil!'
The minute Henry thinks he's losing jack,
He carves the prices at their highest level;
He took 'em there, and now he brings 'em back

Thus, pro and con, folks held a brisk post mortem.

While Hank remarks, as he regards his hoard,

There's some buy cars, like diamonds, just to sport 'em. But them as wants to get there drive a Ford.'

JUST as we were wiping away a tear for foolish, unsophisticated country boys who yielded to temptations placed in their path by professional gamblers," we opened a letter which began; "There is just one thing in the world that is as loyal as a base ball fan, and that's a dog. I wouldn't do a dog the way some of the Sox have done their friends, Whereupon we replaced the tear in its duct.

ALMOST PSYCHIC. A man who rides with me in my Rolls-Ruff has a sense of feeling so delicate that he can determine by the vibration of the flivver when it has a flat tire.

L. C. J.

BECAUSE a heckler at a Harding harangue was hustled hence, Gov. Cox fears that the Senate oligarchy intends to Russianize the United States. Mr. Cox has his comical moments. MAKING A LONG STORY SHORT.

(From the Leachville, Ark., Cresset.) There was a great explosion on Wall Street, N. Y., on the 16th of Sept., 1920. It done much harm.

MR. VIERECK complains that Gov. Cox misrepresented him. As usual, he flatters him-

Concerning Seams, and the Difficulty of Keeping Them Straight.

My Dear Men: It's all very well for you to scoff, but if one of the candidates would devise a magic garter that would keep 'em straight, the League of Nations would be in the discard. I wish some of you superior males might try walking two blocks in a skipt half a yard wide, and see if the pesky things didn't rotate on your shapely aphrodites, too. ROSANNA.

them, "must of necessity sell at higher prices in 1921." Thanks for the warning. Now we know what to swear off on January 1 what to swear off on January 1.

THE RISING AND REVERENT GENERATION Sir: When the minister called to see about the christening, be said to little Howard, aged three and a half: "Come over and I will sprinkle a little water on you." Howard retorted: "You won't sprinkle any water on me, you poor nut."

T. J. S. "THE bride and groom left for Toronto to

pend their honeymoon amid showers of confetti."—Prescott Journal.

The confett being showered, perhaps, by the merchant who advertises, "I stand back of every

bed I sell. WAGNER IN LONDON.

(Ernest Newman in The Manchester Guardian,) The programme had a numbered list of the 36 motives used in the pieces performed, with indications of their occurrence in the music—

after this style: Home comes he at last (23) In his hand holding

The spear-shaft's splinters (24). One trembles to think of the incessant optical and cerebral readjustments this glancing from the words to the list of motives and back again must have meant for those who attended to the business conscientiously, to say nothing of the danger that the eye, in its hurry, might light on the wrong number, and the poor auditor imagine he was listening to the theme of "Holda's Apples" when it was really the theme of "Magic Deceit," or "The Curse" when it was really "Brynhilde's Greeting to the World." However, everyone seemed to be happy. The older stagers have long given up trying to remember the names of the leading motives and to think of a name when the motive occurs. The glorious days when we thought all this mattered, and were prepared to slay and drink the blood of anyone who said it didn't, have gone forever. But it is right that others should be going through it all for the first time. It does the student no harm, and it is very good for Wagner; for by a wise law of human nature we set high store on anything that has given us a lot of trouble.

A MODEST contributor aspires to be one of 497 to call attention to the fact that M. Auguste Bonamy is in this country to clean up the Haiti-U. S. issue,

THE INSPIRED COMPOSITOR.

(From the San Francisco Call.) The Call hereby expresses its regret for an injustice done to S. B. Davis of Oakland. Saturday Davis fell from a ladder, and the small head on the story, by a typographical error, was made to read "Burglar Falls," instead of "Builder Falls."

THIS SHOULD INTEREST SOLOMON EAGLE. (From the Howard, Kan., Courant.) Howard has a new city marshal. Walter Platz has resigned, and George Gotobed has been appointed his successor.

ANOTHER FOR THE EAGLE'S EYE. Sir: I submit for Solomon Eagle's continued

astonishment the names of lke Eke and Nic Nocker, from the Manitowoc city directory.

AS USUAL, the celebrated Equinoctial Storm was late. B. L. T.

How to Put the National Game Above Suspicion

To clean up organized base ball and keep it clean a convincing method has finally been proposed.

A new national commission, composed of men so high in the confidence of the country that no suspicion could attach to any organization they were in charge of—that is the plan proposed by A. D. Lasker, part where of the chicago Cales, hig business may and lover of the game. The members of the new commission, if the plan goes through, will be paid salaries consonant with their position in the community and the dignity of the office. The men whom Mr. Lasker suggests for the role are Judge K. M. Landis, William Howard Taft and Gen. John J. Pershing.

The new commission would be the supreme

court of base ball. All troubles between players, managers and the public which supports the great game would be for its final settlement. And settlement by such a commission would be final. There would be no chance of crookedness or complaint.

Base ball has been and should remain the national game. Scratch the skin of any male American, born or naturalized, and you will reach enthusiasm for base ball before you have

That is why the present scandal is so serious. It does not affect a class; it touches everybody -the newsboy; the school teacher, the mechanic and the millionaire. The average boy does not think of the world as round; he thinks of it as shaped like a base ball.

To strike a blow at such an interest as this was the meanest crime possible in sport. Not the managers, but the public were sold out. It never can happen again, not if the Lasker plan goes through

There will be opposition from certain interests. But the feeling that a great wrong can be wiped out only by a great right will be strong enough to carry it. Mr. Lasker has started enough to carry it. Mr. Lasker has started something. The public will put it over.-Chi cago Herald and Examiner.

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
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UTAH UPSETS HEALTH THEORIES

For years I have heard speakers at health meetings assert that wherever there is a high birth rate the death rate, and especially the baby

steath rate, is high. Some even claim that nature always can be depended upon to pre-vent overpopulation. High birth rate, large families, necessarily neg-lected babies, insufficient family income, hard living conditions, baby sickness, baby deaths, high general death rate, all, they say, naturally are allied. Compension is at work, they say. They even say a moderate birth rate above the average quickly starts the laws of compensation to

work, and the baby death rate is the earliest of all reactions, Especially have I heard the Prench Canadians insist that it was unjust to compare their high baby death rate with the low baby death rate of Ontario, because their birth that of Ontario. If a mother had a dozen, of course, the younger ones must be cared for by the older ones or be wholly neglected, and in conequence many would die.

The best answer I have run across comes from Utah. Of all the states Utah has the highest birth rate, the lowest death rate, and the least sickness among its babies. Going back to 1917 in order to get away from the abnormal canditions' brought about by influenza, I find that Utah had a death rate of 10.3, as com-pared with 14.2 for the country at

In the same year their birth rate was 30.3, as compared with 26 for the country at large. The birth rate in the counties inhabited almost wholly by Mormons was much high-er still. Duchesne had a birth rate er still. Duchesne had a birth rate of 52.8, twice that of the country at large; Garfield, 51.5; Piute, 51.5, and large; Garfield, 51.5; Piute, 51.5; Piute,

mortality, which is almost the same as infant sickness and almost the reverse of infant well-being, we find that Salt Lake City has the lowest infant mortality rate of any city of its size and is surpassed by only 11 cities of any size. In fact, it ranked 50,000 to 100,000 and over in 1917. First place among registratio states

all diseases, except typhoid fever and smallpox. Water is scarce and the temptation to drink out of irri-gation ditches is strong. The temptation of the cities to use their few streams for both water supply and ewage disposal operates to spread typhoid fever from community to

The Mormon prejudice against vaccination makes this state a reser-voir for smallpox. They feed this disease to the surrounding states. record to which the dictatorial Mormon power has contributed so much good is marred by their bad small-

Leprosy Is Curable. H. L. writes: "1. Can you define How can one tell he has lep-Is there any cure for it?

REPLY. A leper is a person afflicted by leprosy.

 2. By having a competent physician examine.
 3. Yes. There is considerable evidence that leprosy is curable. Dr. F. L. Hoffman informs me that a large proportion of the lepers in the Louisiana colony are apparently sured. He saw many there in whom the disease was arrested, who looked well and hopeful, and who were anictipating discharge as cured.

Better Be Examined. P. O. writes: "During the last winter I had a great deal of trouble with my feet. As a result of frost bite and tight noes my heels were very sore. First a small blister appeared. It opened, making what appeared to be a deep hole. This clowly healed, but as suddenly came back again, worse than before. It is swollen and the deep hole has also appeared. I do not think my shoes are the cause of it, as they are fairly comfortable. I have been told that there is danger of grangrene setting in. Do you think it is possible? Can you give a rem-edy for it? Is it possible that black stockings or high-heeled shoes are the cause of it?"

REPLY. Have your physician investigate the possibility of perforating ulcer or Raynaud's disease, also of diabetes. Grangene is a possibility. It is not likely that black stockings or high heels were factors.



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Knowledge of God. Blair, Neb., Oct. 1 .- To the Editor "Burbank's Blunder," Mr. Sandstrom's letter, "Belief in God," and your able reply, "Knowledge of God," in the last Sunday Barbara Barb my apology for mailing you the ageold queries suggested, as follows

THE MYSTERY. When life's closing score
By that unknown sea
Stills hearts evermore
Now beating for thee.
Souls faithful to me. And who love all men, Will they know it then? Can they tell us then?

When with sorrow bowed
At the sculptured stone
And far from the crowd
Wandering and lone,
I long for the tone
Of thy voice again, Will you tell it then? While I listen then?

When tumbling clods
Roll down o'er my clay
And that which is God's
is borne far away.
From night, from the day
And the haunts of man.
Can I tell it then?
Will you listen then?

When time's grinding waves
Haw worn all away.
The lives and the graves
With damp binding clay
Have passed with the day
And stories of men,
will it matter then?
If we know-it then?
—LOU VAUGHN.

Cox and Ireland's Freedom. Omaha, Sept. 30 .- To the Edito The Bee: Governor Cox says that elected president he will, under article 10, bring the Irish question to the attention of the league of nations as affecting the good under standing among nations on which

the peace of the world depends.
Will someone be kind enough to ask Governor Cox what he intende to do when England tells him the Irish question is a domestic question and one with which the league has Any Irish-American who falls for the trickery of the democratic can-didate is deserving of more oppres-

William Cowper's Vision. Omaha, Oct. 1 .- To the Editor of

aerial travel at the present time, the following may she of interest. The poet, William Cowper, writing from Olney, England, under date of No-vember 17, 1783, to Rev. John New-"Swift observes, when he is giv-

ing his reasons why the preacher is elevated always above his hearers, that, let the crowd be as great as it will below, there is always room enough overhead.
"If the French philosophers can carry their art to the perfection they desire, the observation may be

eversed, the crowd will be overhead and they will have most room who stay "I can assure you, however, upon my own experience, that this way of traveling is most delightful.

"I dreampt, a night or two since, that I drove myself through the up-per regions in a balloon and pair, with the greatest ease and security "Having finished the tour I in-tended, I made a short turn, and with one flourish of my whip, de-scended—without the least danger

o myself or my vehicle. "The time, we may suppose, is at hand and may be prognosticated by my dream, when these airy excursions will be universal, when judges will fly their circuits and bishops their visitations, and when the tour of Europe will be performed with much greater speed and with equal advantage by all who travel merely for the sake of saying that they have made it." A. K. TRINBLIN.

A Lot June **Brides**

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