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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 inte 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.

OMAHA'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

With the national election and all it contains out of the way, the business situation clearing up, and plans for future operations fairly outlined, Omaha folks may now devote a little attention to their local government. This fact is recognized by the mayor, who has named two of the city commissioners to look after proposed changes in the charter on the provisions of which the business of the community is looked after. It is not certain, though, that this procedure is in the right direction. For many years Omaha has clamored for a home rule charter, and the present city commission has gone on record as favoring such a change, although it has made no very vigorous effort to put it into effect. At the special election in September an amendment to the state constitution was ratified specifically permitting Omaha to adopt as a "home rule" charter the one under which it now operates. Whether it is wise to ignore that permission and continue the old practice of going to Lincoln whenever relief is needed is open to question.

The Bee has declared on many occasions its preference for the city manager form of government. It has recommended this to the people because the plan holds out the certainty of improvement in administration of public affairs When the commission form was adopted the promise was made that under it certain needed reforms in administrative methods would be more effectively accomplished, and that the several departments of the municipal housekeeping arrangement would function more accurately and satisfactorily. Unfortunately, all that was hoped for did not come to pass. Certain fundamental defects have developed, each an element of weakness and consequent loss to the public service. Experience with the plan has proved its deficiencies as well as its advantages, and that the former may be eliminated and the latter enjoyed only through a radical change in system This change is proposed to be accomplished by substituting the city manager for the group that now exercises the authority and carries on the work which should be centralized. With a single head for control of the purely service departments, directing the operation of all, able to co-ordinate and carry on comprehensive plans of public work without the conflict or division that now exists, efficiency beyond that now possible could be secured. At least responsibility would be located, and such mild controversies as arose when a few loads of ashes were dumped on a torn-up street to provide a temporary surface could be avoided. In the case at point three groups or divisions under the city commission and the Metropolitan Water District were involved in a dispute as to which one should look after and pay for the work done. That is but a minor matter, but it is illustrative of the greater that continually disturbs the smooth working of the city's business management. If Omaha is to go forward in the matter of its city government, or if it is to follow a "let well enough alone" policy, should be settled very shortly. We have permission to govern ourselves; that ought not to be forgotten, and whether the city manager form is taken on, or the commission continued, home rule ought to be secured without delay.

world has been getting some genuine knocks since last spring. To be sure, none of these has as yet taken on the form of a knock-out, but they do support the old saying that whatever goes up must come down. Therefore, the prophets who are titillating our hope with promises of lower prices may not be going so far astray as do those who foretell the end of the world or try to guess under which shell the little ball is hidden. They also have the advantage of knowing that all the world is with them, and even if they do take a chance, it is in the right direction. We hope it all comes true.

The Real Art of Printing.

In his "History of the English People" Green dwells with warranted emphasis and detail on the uplift that came to western Europe, and especially to England, following the fall of Constantinople. The dispersion of the Greek intelligentzia and consequent diffusion of knowledge they had hoarded brought to the Spanish, French, German and English that invigorating and vitalizing impulse needed to give life to the less virile Latin learning from which they had extracted the substance and yet were not filled. It so happened that about that same time Johannes Geinsfleisch, whose name was later changed to Guttenberg, together with Schaffer and Faust, brought forth the first printed book.

Call it rennaissance or whatever you will, this was the beginning of modern civilization, of enlightenment, of the spread of knowledge. the awakening of men's souls and the birthday of Liberty. First the Bible, then such works of science as existed, poetry, fiction, and finally the newspaper, all began to flow from the press in such a stream that in no very long time, as ages go, a trickle reached into the remotest of regions, and the human mind was enfranchised. Pseudo-science disappeared, superstition retreated before the oncoming light that flowed from the types, and the printer became the evangel and the apostle alike of the Spirit of Knowledge. "The Art Preservative of All Arts" was the name bestowed on the art of the printer, and worthily has that proud appellation been maintained.

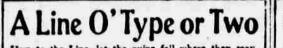
In none of the other arts has the benefit of invention and discovery been so lavishly bestowed on the public; no other has so generously and even recklessly discounted its own to accommodate the public weal. Yet on this very peg hangs much of the progress that has been made in the processes of printing. A demand for quantity production has done away with a great deal of the loving care bestowed by Caxton, for example, or Aldus, or DeGrolier on the magnificent monuments to their craft that still preserve their names as genuine master workmen. Yet enough remains to keep alive the interest of all who follow printing as a vocation, and even to challenge the deep admiration and serious attention of those who merely turn to it as an avocation. America has added a considerable list of names to the roster of the great in the art's Hall of Fame, men who would take delight in the marvels of typography, engraving, press work and binding nowadays commonly being achieved.

All this is prefatory to the announcement that Boston is just now carrying on an exhibition of printing, the prime purpose of which is to show what the New England printers can do and are doing, and to invite to their shops work that is being taken to other great centers. We are just passing the thought along to local printers, who might gain something and surely would lose nothing by such a venture.

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By DR. W. A. EVANS

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Questions concerning hygiene, sanita-tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, 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 latters in care of The Bee. Hew to the Line, let the quips fall where they may AT eleven o'clock came the pause in the day's

occupations that is known as the Armistice pause. The British cabinet's ultimatum to Germany in 1914 expired at 11 o'clock; but, as the London Times notes, Mrs. Asquith in her Autobiography has the cabinet sitting in watchful waiting until 12 o'clock. It was twelve o'clock by German time; and the question is whether the British cabinet or Mrs. Asquith made a mistake.

self for him, in his embarrassed presence. His deforming arthritis, heberdous nodes, first thought is always of himself. tism

But Would It Not Require a Geologic Period? Sir: You are kind enough to refer to my ecture on "Literary Taste and How to Acquire I venture to suggest that your summary-"It is to read only first-class stuff," not only fails to meet the problem, but represents exactly the view that I am out to demolish. If, as I presume, you mean that the ambitious person who now reads Harold Bell Wright should sit down to the works of Shakespeare, I can tell you at once that the process will be a failure. method is one of graduation from the worst W. L. GEORGE. the best stuff. "WHY not a battleship for Mr. Harding?"

queries a euphuistic colleagues on our left, and "On account of the imponderables of the American 'character." Some of these imponderables are celluloid collars, chewing gum, chautauouas, and Harold Bell Wright,

"MONDAY night the company will resent 'La Traviata.' "-Akron Beacon-Journal.

The audience "assisted." POINT ISABEL gave Harding 63 votes and selected the place for a vacation.

NIPPING A NEWS STORY IN THE BUD. (From the Morrison Sentinel.)

Something in the way of a sensation is being given an airing in Thomson. The interested parties being a jealous husband. a wife and mother, and one of our village Better drop the matter as in all probability the green-eyed monster more to do with it than anything else.

result of infection. Some sort of bacterium has absorbed from some-"THE Americans," observes the Japan Advertiser, "are very candid and indifferent, and where, been carried to some joint or though they sometimes seem to be engaged in other, and has located there. It is machinations, in most cases their only desire is to make much money. None of them are bent on anything like military aggression." generally agreed that these bacteria are mild in character, milder even than tubercle bacill, and once they locate in a joint or in the bone near locate in a joint or in the bone near a joint they are slow to produce trouble. The trouble they cause is

"Slices of Life."

(From Rose Macaulay's "Potterism.") Gideon said, "I'm afraid I'm hopeless about novels just now. I'm sick of the form-slices of life served up cold in three hundred pages. Oh, it's very nice: it makes nice reading for peo-ple. But what's the use? Except, of course, to kill time for those who prefer it dead. But as things in themselves, as art, they've been ruined excess. My critical sense is blunted just now. I can hardly feel the difference, though I see it, between a good novel and a bad one. I couldn't write one, good or bad, to save my life. I know that. And I've got to the stage where I wish other people wouldn't. I wish every one would shut up, so that we could hear ourselves thinklike in the Armistice Day pause, when all the noise stopped

nuses - so-called catarrh. nhysicians are disposed to overlook Jane shook her head. "You may be sure we chronic bronchitis with sputum, in-fected gall bladder, old prostatic inshan't do that. Not likely. We all want to hear ourselves talk. And quite right, too. We've fections in the male and pus tubes got things to say." and other suppurative pelvic troubles in females as the cause.

"Nothing of importance. Few things that wouldn't be better unsaid. Life isn't talking." "A journalist's is," Jane pointed out, and he nodded

have been separated out we have a 'Quite true. Horribly true, It's chiefly my very large number which are due to self I'm hitting at. But at least we journalists don't take ourselves solemnly; we know the chronic bowel troubles, colltis and some other forms of digestive troustuff is babble to fill a moment. Novelists and ble. It is true that some people have poets don't always know that; they're apt to got some relief from daily washing of poets don't always know that; they're apt to think it matters. And, of course, so far as any of them can make and hold beauty, even a frag-ment of it here and there, it does matter. The trouble is that they mostly can't do anything

How to Keep Well The Blee's Letter Box

omaha, Nov. 9 .- To the Editor of ing up almost every line of human The Bee: This "Go to Movie" week endeavor we may starts a movement that has been too long delayed. We should all try to help those who help themselves—to have the 52 weeks a large share of the circulating me-dium. Anyone with a spare quarter According to a published statement come to the city to make their liv (it used to be 5 and 10 cents) should, only a little over \$750,000,000 has ing. after going the movie rounds during been received from patrons by the

the week as usual, find someone to movies of the country during 1920 WATCHING FOR TROUBLE. give it to who has no quarter left and according to another statemen From the standpoint of cure no after attending to the high cost of in an Omaha Sunday paper, Omaha "MAN," as they sing in Princess Ida, "is na-ture's sole mistake." An he never appears more than that group of chronic inflamof a rummy than when some woman kills her- mations of the joints in which falls a part in this great charitable (?) therefore appear that we are lagging in our support of the movies. movement. Next week, or the week after, we should be nearer the top, should put on an "Orpheum week," means, regardless of our other

and what many call chronic rheumaor possibly a "Gayety week" would let us put our shoulders to the wheel years old. She still has a good deal of pride in her personal appearance. She is dressy, and by a fair use of life savers is able to keep herself week" and if that works out we may present overtaxed capacities. Mention should also be made of the need of a week's "drive" in be-

Maybe she is trying to keep up Maybe she is trying to keep up Maybe she is trying to keep up tail, so you see 1 am very much un-tail, so you see 1 am very much un-tail, so you see 1 am very much ungame. But after awhile she notices that the last joint of some finger is enisrging. Presently she has ac-quired a crook in her index finger as well as enlarged finger joints. ' This is miching to try anything if only I can get fat. 2. How much milk is one-half pint of light cream equal to? 3. What breakfast cereal is the This is mighty opt to take the snap

most fattening?" out of her. After that she is apt to settle down as a home body, tak-

REPLY You are nearly 40 pounds under ing care of the cat and darning for weight. Probablyl you are of the skinny kind and it will be difficult her grandchildren. Maybe she does not give up until she has tried the doctors for a a few rounds. Truth for you to fatten. (a) Do not worry. compels me to say that she gets very (b) Take life easy. (c) If you have little for her money and trouble- as a rule. A more general rheumatoid ar-ular time. (f) Eat a bowl of su-

Cox 1. That may be why, hazards J. H. M., he thritis is a more serious trouble. It gared cereal with milk at bedtime. 2. One-half pint of 18 per cent involves the large joints as much as the small ones, and in time it not cream contains as many calories as only lames and cripples, but it makes 22 ounces of 4 per cent milk. It bedfast and chairfast a lot of people does not contain as much milk suof mind and spirit and otherwise gar, however. good constitution. They, too, have 3. No choice. All are good.

got very little from treatment. I fell like passing on to both groups

whatever suggestions I hear about.

the disorders in this group are th

It is generally agreed now that all

slow in starting, is never violent, and

Sometimes it is possible to find

the place where the infection entered

the body and to attend to it, but

that does not always help the joints

and bones in which bacteria are al-

ready located and causing harm. That the teeth and gums are fre-

quently the site of entrance of the bacteria is recognized. Some cases of

rheumatoid arthritis can remember

having bloody sallva about the time

Another frequent site is infected

Dr. A. G. Bassler says that after

the groups caused by these troubles

arrives at an opinion as to what is wrong in the bacteriology of the in-

testinal tract. Then, by changing the food, he changes the bacteriology.

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In the Next Congress.

Enough of progress has been made to definitely determine one thing in connection with the Sixty-seventh congress. Democrats, being so completely in the minority, expect to take part in the constructive work so imperatively necessary and so greatly longed for by all, but will do so by the indirect method of fomenting discord among the republicans. This they have anticipated by undertaking to array east against west in a contest between Speaker Gillett and James R. Mann of Illinois for the speakership, This controversy was once decided by the repub-Heans, in favor of Mr. Gillett, but if it can now be revived the minority see in it a chance to start a factional fight that may grow to such proportions as will turn out something to their advantage. We venture the prediction that in this they will be greatly disappointed. The republican party is not organized along sectional lines, nor does the victory of the late election impose on it any obligation entailing geographical divisions. Speaker Gillett hails from Massachusetts, and Mr. Mann from Illinois, but both are Americans and good republicans, and will not be found contributing to malicious schemes of the opposition bent on stirring up strife when the interests of the country require concord. The speaker will be reelected and the house organized on lines that will permit the great work of congress to go forward without the interruption of personal or factional divergence.

A Prophet Must Take Chances.

Out at Denver the president of a hotel manager's association rises up to predict an era of lewer prices. Such an announcement sounds good to the public weary of certain things it has had to face and none of which it can easily understand. "Do you want us to lose the war," lost its savor two years ago, but the "peak" of prices was extended so much higher that what we had done during the war looked like a real joy ride in comparison to what we went through. Now comes the Federal Reserve board with a showing that the index number all over the

Symbol of American Good Will.

No more fitting season could be found than the anniversary of the armistice for renewing memberships in the Red Cross. As the events of the world war are recalled, the heroic services of this merciful organization are inevitably freshened in the recollection. Today, with the conflict past, the need for the alleviation of human suffering is nevertheless so keen that it is necessary still to support the activities of the Red Cross.

In time of disasters at home-in floods, tornadoes, epidemics, the Red Cross is first with its relief. The work of improving sanitation and inculcating the principles of hygiene is carried on day in and day out. That this is supported by popular subscription so wide as to include almost every family in the land is matter for national pride.

It is in the stricken lands of the European frontier that the humanitarian work of the Red Cross is most appreciated. There starvation, disease and want are bravely held at bay through the ministrations of this American organization. The people feel that it is through the Red Cross that the sympathy of our great nation is being extended to them. When the old slander that America is a nation of soulless money grubbers is revived, the grateful people point to the activities of the Red Cross as counter-proof of the idealism that is really the animating spirit of our land.

Confidence and trust in the friendship of America is being built up all around the world by the relief work of the Red Cross. Nor shall this splendid organization lack for support in peace or in war.

Sousa and the Children.

John Phillip Sousa is a man who puts his heart into his job. The enthusiasm with which he impregnates every member of his band is perhaps the secret of his musical success. Even the audience catches fire from the sparks of his inspiration.

The Omaha schools which shut down in the afternoon to allow the pupils to attend the afternoon concert at the Auditorium could not have chosen a better opportunity. The happy way in which this great American conductor draws harmony from his band might well be expected to give many a child a new understanding of the pleasures of music, making the long practice hours at piano or violin not torture, but triumphal progress toward virtuosity.

Those Italian peasants who are dividing up the great estates of the land owners have no experts to tell them that there is no profit in agriculture.

Prosecuting Attorney Ballard of Washington county may learn something of value from her present predicament. It should teach her how the other fellow feels.

One happy result of the late election is that it left no republican "lame ducks" to be cared for.

Douglas county cast 50,000 votes for president. So did South Carolina.

The federal grand jury has not been idle.

of the sort. They don't mostly even know how to try. All but a few verse-makers are shallow, muddled, or sentimental, and most novelists are commercial as well. They haven't the means; they aren't adequately equipped; they've nothing in them worth the saying. Why say it,

THERE are no more mere rat catchers. They are now "rat engineers," and they "investigate your rat or roach problems and advise as to their extermination.

A PERFECT SHAMBLES. Oh, there are fearful moments when The pious souls of righteous men Get bloody, bold and bad; And Mr. Hoefeld, be it known. Is slashing collars to the bone (He says so in his ad.) B. W. W

WRITING of the Irish Players, "I have been told irresponsibly that they went to Amer-ica and became spoilt," writes Frank Swinner-ton. However, they have recovered—Sara All-good, Arthur Sinclair, Maire O'Neill, and the rest of them, and Mr. Swinnerton reports them as good as ever. We wish they would come to America again and be spoilt, for we have not had such pleasure in a theater since their visit.

THE Nelson Plumbing Co. of Parkersburg, W. Va., claims to be "the plumbers with a conscience." They, perhaps, take their tools with them when they leave for a job.

Misfortunes Never Come Solitaire.

(From the Sloux Rapids Republican-Press.) The Geisinger family is pursued by hard First Miss Charlotte was seriously injured, and then her brother, G. H. Gelsin-ger, had a leg broken while he was dehorning cattle. Mr. and Mrs. Geisinger are now the parents of a baby son born Sunday

"GORILLA Warfare in Ireland," headlines the Linton, Ind., Citizen. No wonder Lloyd George denounces the terrorists. B. L. T.

If the Dream Comes True

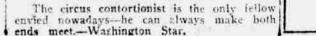
The straw stack on the farm may prove the olution for the increasing shortage of gasoline. In Kansas, where straw stacks grow in greater profusion than elsewhere in this land, government chemists are conducting experiments in the destructive distillation of wheat straw into fuel suitable for use in heating, lighting and for driving internal combustion engines. The process hitherto used is too expensive to make the fuel commercially profitable, but it is hoped to cheapen it so that it may be produced as cheaply as the present price of gasoline. It has been demonstrated, according to the reports given out, that one ton of straw will produce 40 gal-lons of fuel. On the basis of the estimate of this year's crop of straw there is enough in Kansas alone to produce 45,000,000 gallons, and the Sunflower state is but one in a galaxy of states that grow wheat in somewhat lesser quantities.

It is the dream of the chemists that the day will dawn when the Kansas farmer will have his own still to turn his straw, now valueless, into fuel to drive his sedan, and that when he drives to town he will be able to load into his car a few gallons of the home product, gasoline, or its equivalent, of course, to sell to some of his friends who do not have their own straw stack. It is estimated that Kansas has been wasting straw that would produce \$12 an acre additional gross revenue, if the dream comes true. Kansas may point the way to every-farmer-his-own-automobile-fuel producer, and here's hoping she may. The straw stack provided the fodder for the yoke of oxen, the motive power of an earlier day. In harmony with progress it is fitting that it should feed the modern method of locomotion .- Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Ingratitude. A Buffalo soap manufacturer was recently

attacked by a would-be assassin. It is the characteristic ungratefulness of a bolshevik to bite the hand that makes his soap boxer .-- Kansas City Star.

Makes Both Ends Meet.



He diets not to change the chemistry of his patients, but to change the Macteriology of their intestines. He will make more headway against these mild chronic joint troubles when the people understand better the significance of a little loss of suppleness and begin at that time to find and remove the cause.

Be Calm. Eat. Sleep. Miss S. F. writes: "1. 1 am 20 years old and weigh only 87 pounds.

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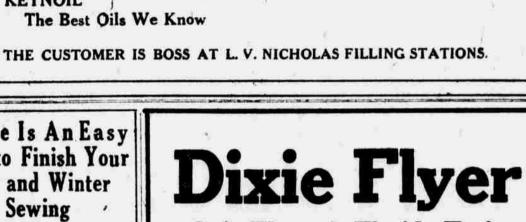
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