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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- 2. Continued improvement of the Ne-braska Highways, including the pave-ment of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
- 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

"REPRESENTATIVE" GOVERNMENT.

A correspondent challenges the city manager form of government for the reason that it is not representative. He finds his ideal in the old city council system, which he holds to be truly a reflection of the needs and aspirations of the community. While admitting the surface value of all he has ret forth in support of his proposal, it may do no harm to look a little deeper into the problem.

By "representative" government, we allude to a system under which the citizens delegate a certain portion of their powers to those who are chosen to act together with others similarly selected in the name of all. The United States of America is the greatest and most successful example of representative government the world eyer knew. Its executive head is chosen by all the people, invested with extraor-dinary powers, which he exercises in the name of the people of the United States, and in all things stands towards the whole country just as the city manager would in relation to Omaha. If the power of governing Omaha is too much to give one man, how much greater is the tremendous power of governing the United States?

It will be noted that our objecting correspondent, in his argument for representation has specified no unit of division, and we submit that one man may look after the business of the community with quite as much real success as if it were entrusted to a dozen. No taxpayer's or property-owner's interest will suffer any through having an administration more efficient and serviceable than is possible when authority and responsibility is alike divided, and when the members of the government are compelled to consult political expediency rather than the real needs of the community, A city council of board of directors, similar to the Board of Education, may be given the authority to select the manager, but he should be as far as possible independent of politics, in order that he may give the community the service it should have from its executive head.

The public will give up none of its rights under the plan. "Let the people rule" will be as well exemplified when the business is carried on by one man as if it were being done by fifty, and the taxpayers will have the benefit of knowing that the one man will feel his responsibility more keenly than if he were permitted to pass the buck to forty-nine others when anything goes wrong.

Long experience proved that the old system was wasteful, a breeder of corruption, and a total failure when R came to locating the blame for anything out of gear. The commission has remedied this to some extent, yet falls short of the ideal aimed at. The people of Omaha will not go back to the city council plan; they ought to go forward to the city manager.

The Element of Chance.

Something very like a sermon may be extracted from the experience of the misguided group of men and boys who looted the mail car at Council Bluffs. First of all, one must be impressed by the element of chance the case evinces. This is so strong that it led to the conclusion that somewhere along the line there was a "master mind." Detectives and others accustomed to analyze crimes, to following clues, and deducing motives from results, could scarcely credit that the thieves had attacked the richest car in the train, and had selected the most costly loot without some fore-knowledge to guide them. As yet, it has not been satisfactorily and completely established they were not informed in advance, but the developments strongly indicate they did not know what they were getting into. Where they probably anticipated a few hundreds, or at the outside a few thousands, they grabbed millions. Like the perfidious Roman maiden who opened the gates of the city to the barbarians, they were literally crushed beneath the treasure that fell to them. In their bewilderment, they destroyed a huge amount in securities, which must be made good by insurance companies, and from which they could not have derived benefit. Even the currency of the United States came in such profusion they could not comprehend it. Viewed from any angle, the crime is one of the most remarkable ever recorded, and will long stand as a fitting example of "beginner's luck," with about the same moral as pertains to the experience of the man who wins his first try at the new game and thinks he has mastered its intricacies.

Six Thousand Reindeer.

Considerable prominence is being given an item that sets forth the fact that 6,000 reindeer are to be butchered in Alaska this winter and sent to the United States to be sold as meat. Sonsidered as a novelty, the incident is note-worthy; as a contribution to the food supply, it is nothing. Packing houses at Omaha frequently take care of that many cattle in a day, each producing more actual pounds of meat than comes from a reindeer, and this entirely outside the thousands of hogs and sheep who give up the ghost at the same time the cattle are passing on. Then consider the fact that at Kansas City, St. Joseph, Sloux City and Chicago, St. Louis and other places a similar work is going on, so that more beef steers are slaughtered every day than there are reindeer in Alaska, and the possibilities of that source of meat supply may be in a sense actually gauged. Americans scarcely ever think of and pehhaps

never comprehend what is actually involved in the business of feeding them, and surely would be surprised at the magnitude of the undertaking if its details were made clear. Six thousand reindeer make quite a herd, but they could be taken care of in the local packing houses by a single eight-hour shift, and the horns saved to make knife handles, coat buttons and the like. The dressed meat industry is a lot bigger thing than the public dreams of.

Bankrupt Humanity on the Stage,

The plays of John Galsworthy are enjoying a yogue both in London and New York that encourages the hope of restoring popular interest in serious drama. Broadway, having first seen "The Mob," wherein the plot hinges around the fate of a statesman who declines to support his nation in the conduct of an unjust war, now is in excited controversy over his newer play, "The Skin Game," which deals with the struggle between British industrialism and the aristocracy, or as some critics claim, represents symbolically the war between England and

In London attention to this native British author has been directed by the revival of "The Foundations," which was originally produced during the last stages of the war, and the farcical morality of "The Little Man," The London papers find the attraction of "The Foundations" in the uncanny way in which Galsworthy wrote during the war of London as it would be after peace came. Three years ago it was called a satire, with a cruel and unjust hint that the lessons of Armageddon would be quickly for gotten. In that time of idealistic vision it was not popular to suggest that there would be no new world emerge from the ruins of the old, that women of the slums would continue to sew trousers for a few pence a pair while the philanthropic ladies of fashionable neighborhoods would still find it necessary to hold meetings of protest against the sweats op system. The millenium did not arrive, and the play comes with the mocking force of conscience,

In "The Little Man," which also was written during the war, Galsworthy shows a crowd of travelers at a little European station. The American talks at random about the brotherhood of nations, amid the approval of his companions of various nationalities. One little man of no particular nationality says nothing, but when a baby in the train is suspected of having typhus, he is the only one of the party to exercise the spirit of brotherhood. The rest find excuses to disappear while he comforts the ailing child, holding it close as it bites on his

This, declare the peculiarly obtuse critics, is Mr. Galsworthy at his most whimsical, and it is reported that the audience left wondering what he meant. Yet the pointed tragedy of the false-ness of human professions of high idealism when confronted by the actualities of personal service and sacrifice could not have been entirely lost on those who saw it.

Another Effect of the War.

Perhaps the most unexpected effect of the war is now being experienced in Paris. It is reported from there that apartments are so scarce and rents so high that husband and wife have taken to living together again, divorces are fewer and separate maintenance seldom thought of. Simple Americans who are accustomed to spending their evenings around home will not, probably, fully appreciate the predicament of the gay boulevardiere, who finds himself reduced to the necessity of going home just because there A nowhere else to go. One of the characters in a French comedy that had great vogue in America once sneers at the duchess for being so old-fashioned she occupied the same room with her husband. And now the smart ones are compelled by the exigencies of war to seek domicile under the same roof with her or him to whom the law and the church, acting together as they do, had bound the other half of the indissoluble bonds. Imagine it! Of course, this cannot go on forever, because even in Paris the shortage of housing must some time be relieved. Meanwhile, it might turn out that the embargoed couples will learn, as others have under similar circumstances, that they really can get along together much better than separately, and the grasping landlord may in fact be doing a better job than Hymen in the matter of bringing two souls to have but a single thought.

Tree-Planting for the Future.

Charles Lathrop Pack, head of the American Forestry association, is going before congress at its coming session with a definite program for reforestation of logged-off areas. The wood pulp and paper men are considering a similar program, to restore the spruce needed for their mills. Back of each of these is a definite idea, that of meeting a need of the country, not for the future altogether, because the present has imperative demands for timber, but because as a people we have been exhausting a resource that easily might be made perpetual. In this spirit The Bee renews its oft-repeated suggestion to the people of Nebraska that steps be taken to plant trees in the "sand hills," where they will grow, and from which the state in time will get immense benefit. Almost 700,000 acres of waste land in that region belongs to the state of Nebraska, and every acre of it can be made to produce trees from which in time revenue can be derived. This is not a dream. The federal government carried the experiment far enough to show that it is practical. One of the finest growth of pine-trees in the central west is that along the Dismal in Thomas county. What has been done there can be done all over the region. Will the people of Nebraska have it done?

Politicians have now resorted to the ouiji board to discover the names of President Harding's cabinet. One in Washington spelled out "Lodge" for secretary of state and "Wood" for secretary of war, and gave, "50 years" in answer to the question how long the democrats will stay out of power.

It was never intended that the Federal Reserve bank should ruin the cattle feeding industry, but that is what it is doing.

In the dispute between a telegraph corporation and the government, most people will stand behind the government.

Uncle Sam's mail is nothing to monkey with, unless you are longing for a trip to

The price of eggs is not staying up because chicken feed is high.

Going to be at home on Thursday?

A Line O'Type or Two Hew to the Line, let the quips fall where they may.

"I THOUGHT Mr. Harding an optimist, writes F. E. B., "until I saw a picture of him fishing in Point Isabel. He was wearing both belt and suspenders."

The Fullback's Version.

Hew to the line, let the cleats fall where y may! THE line in the Sat. Eve. Post, "It left an THE line in the Sat, Eve. Post, "It left an aching void for which no pallfatives seemed discoverable," leads F. B. T. to wonder whether a vacuum cleaner would not serve. "Can you not," he queries, "can 'aching void," 'yawning abyss," and 'depths abysmal'?" Sorry; the office is moving this week, and the Cannery went with one of the first van loads. C'EST UN JOLI ENDROIT N'EST CE PAS?

(From the Prescott, Ariz., Miner.) The party lasted the entire afternoon

and was among the most successful Wednesday teas yet given at an endroit celebrated for its pleasing weekly enter

THE display of legs at the opera suggests the need of a little book on "How to Tell the Box-Holders From the Ballet."

Timely Book Review. Sir: Kroch is displaying Peake's novel. "Eli of the Downs." Nothing like catching, public interest while it is centered on Satur-

Margot Asquith's autobiography, we shall pull up the wing-chair to the open fire and light one of Mr. Dunhill's briars. Of all forms of fiction, autobiography is much the most entertainty. autobiography is much the most entertaining.

HOW INTRESTING! (From Houghton & Mifflin's Monthly Chat.) Glad to hear that Mrs. Sturgis' "Personal Prejudices" is making so many friends for itself, every one of whom so good and jolly a little book of essays deserves. Has a friskiness similar to "The Random Reflections of a Grandmother." One always enjoys such excellent company between Mrs. joys such excellent company between Mrs.

A DANGEROUS situation exists in India, according to Secretary Montagu. When, dur-ing the last half-century, was there not a dan-gerous situation in India?

Potterism. Sir: I began reading "Potterism," by Rose Macaulay, at 5 o'clock this afternoon; it is now 7. I have read to the bottom of page 46, and

discovered the following goms: "How this war is going to do anything for it I don't know how," "Everyone's got to relieve themselves," "For such as her," "Her large hands all over rings," "As if she was an imbeclie," "The most comic parliament who ever sat in Westminster, upon which it would be, at to 12. The only light and venti-

The publishers say the novel created a sensation in England. It ought to start a riot at Harvard. Still, the English say that we talk

Quite a little excitement was caused on last Saturday when the fire bell rang calling all voluntees out to a fire when Mr. Essex's car caught fire by having a lighted lantern setting in front of the front seat, while filling the car with gas at the new garage. No damage was done besides the burning of the car, for which all concerned are thankful

"SOUSEWORK-General woman, experi-enced, in family of two."-Chicago Daily News. As a home-brewer seems wanted, may we suggest Annie Mae Firment of Marksville, La? ticed that the poor consumptive child had expired without a murchild had expired want had hastened

(From the Albuquerque Journal.) Anyhow, Mrs. J. A. Moore of Los Angeles, who has been a guest at the hotel, reported that a sneak thief had entered her room and selected some silk hase and some other garments, the description of which is a very personal matter. The police are puzzled. They don't knew where to start the

Motoring, With Distinction. (Vanity Fair for December.)

There has recently been an attempt on the part of the motor advertisements to create a peculiar kind of glamour about riding in automobiles. To examine these advertisements is at once to be thoroughly convinced that motoring is one of the smartest and most exhilarating of pleasures. One sees handsome, well dressed of plansures. One sees handsome, well dressed and dustless young men and women, driven by a chauffeur as consummate as a commander-inchief's aid de camp, sliding out from between the gleaming white gates of some aristocratic construction. the gleaming white gates of some aristocratic country house or stopping to contemplate a landscape as distinguished as themselves. They pass smoothly beside the calm canals and the civilized poplars of France; they breast keenly the cold bracing air of New England mountain roads, where the trees are blazing redly with fall—blazing redly but with distinction; or they come to rest on the warm and yellow summer sands, where young bathers in debonair bathing suits lounge finely against the cere swelcher well suits lounge finely against the car, smoking well bred cigarets. These people are never dirty; they never become flaccid; they never go to sleep in the car; their alert and dignified zest has never been known to flag. Who would not ride forever willingly under such conditions as

A POSTER in the public library of Stroms-burg, Neb., during Good English Week de-clared that "Good looks is attractive, likewise

IN A CLOUD OF SMOKE. (From the Galena Gazette.)

A Galena barber tells of a stranger who came into the shop the other morning and when opportunity offered he would walk away with a bottle of hair tonic and a bottle of another preparation. Before reaching the door he swallowed the contents of one bottle and then disappeared.

"COMPULSORY education in English should be compulsory for all aliens under the age of 21."—The valued Post. Another Worry.

Sir: How to dispose of the obsolescent stubs of pocket check books? Elemental? Not at all. For an apartment dweller, out of personal touch with the heating plant (if the building has one—which some are beginning to doubt), burning is unpractical. To throw them into the receptacles for waste paper is to tell the world of one's financial status. No, brethren, the solution of this problem, before which the disposal of used safety razor blades or even of s. e. posts pales into insignificance, lies far deeper. FILBERT. MARRIED in Saukville, Wis., Miss Ick-

stadt and Mr. Ottstadt. THE GRATEFUL MILK PEDDLER.

(From the Mansfield News.) To our milk customers: Those paying cash will please have change, as we can't take off our gloves this cold weather to make change; also please drain bottles before patting money or tickets in, as it freezes down and we can't get them out. Thanking you for the past, we remain, The Mansfield Milk Men.

ONE of the human activities bulletined at the Commodore in New York was "Life is an art club." Gosh!

Bottle Grade? (From the Des Moines Register.) Dr. Fred Moore will speak on "Nutri-on" at the meeting of the Park Avenue T. A., Wednesday. The second grade nothers will be hostesses.

IN rooms-to-rent ads the compelling induce-ment offered is "coal all in." B. L. T.

Michigan to Fight Grasshoppers. Antrim county, Michigan, has appropriated \$5,000 to fight grasshoppers next year, Emmet county has set aside \$2,600 for the same purpose, and other counties are expected to follow suit. Grasshoppers have been doing great damage in northern Michigan, and it is hoped that a well-financed campaign may be able to control them.—Prairie Farmer.

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 letters in care of The Bee.

Copyright, 1920, by Dr. W. A. Evans SUBDUING DREAD DISEASES. Dr. Goldberg, connected with the Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis sanitarium, calls my attention to the very rapid fall in the consumption rate in Chicago during 1920.

Within the memory of living men the death rate from this disease has fallen from 220 to 115. He says the 1920 rate gives promise of being below 115: The statement has often been made that the rate is falling 21/2 per cent a year. Dr. Goldberg tells me the drop in 1920 has been

considerably more than that.

Duclaux, former director of the
Pacteur institute, said we never can entirely eradicate any disease. This may be true, no one will lightly dispute any opinion emitted by Duc-laux, but we can reduce very terrifying diseases to diseases of minor importance. It has been done several times. Perhaps in time we may be able to make consumption

years.
Eugene Sue, a French physician born in 1804, wrote at least two wonderful novels—"The Mysteries of Paris," and "The Wandering Jew." He combined an imagina-tion more vivid than that of Poe or O. Henry with a marvelous capacity for reciting minute details. On account of his medical training On account of his medical training the city manager plan. There should be not infrequently describes in minute detail situations in which lack of sanitation and had hygiene

minute detail situations in which lack of sanitation and bad hygiene make the point to the story.

One of the string of short stories strung together to make "The Mysteries of Paris" is that which deal with a poor lapidary, M. Morel, who lived in the garret of a hovel with his wife and five children and his wife's mother, an insane old baz. Here are some snatches from

"In one room lived Morel, his invalid wife, her crazy mother and five children ranging in age from 4 to 12. The only light and ventilation came through a skylight now covered with snow. The floor of The publishers say the novel created a sensation in England. It ought to start a riot at Harvard. Still, the English say that we talk Americant

THE locution, "everyone . . . they" is used by the majority of British writers, we should say; the other gems cited are doubtless the result of haste in writing. But in spite of all its blemishes "Potterism" is one of the most interesting yarns of the year, a really brilliant performance.

THE VILLAGE EYE-SORE.

(From the Portage Register-Democrat.)

Quite a little excitement was caused on last Saturday when the fire bell rang call
"Morel, with his body twisted out of all shape by long hours of stoeped over grinding, worked at his bench on one side of the room. The wife who had ruined her health attend-

on one side of the room. The wife who had ruined her health attending to Morel during a three months' illness, was exhausted by a slow fever and a painful disease which has confined her to bed for some months past. The younges, of the girls, wasted by consumption, rests her poor little face, blue and livid, on the cold bosom of her 5-year-old sister.

"An officer enters to arrest Morel. mur. Celd and want had hastened her end, although her complaint, brought on by the want of common necessaries, was beyond care." Need we say that the consumption rate of that time was very high.

Parasite Probable Cause.

M. B. writes: "Kirally state what is the cause of diarrhoca." I have had it for the last year. Have about six or seven bowel movements a day."

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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

Omaha, November 17 .- To the Editor of The Bee: As a citizen of Quaha permit me to reply to your ing the "City Manager Plan," which you claim contains no hocus-pocus, or any magical formula for curing public fils. But it proposes to adapt business principles to public affairs. If it would even do half what you say it would, it would be better than the invisible government now being handed us by the present city commission, whose centralized powers with its constant friction is forever violating the rights of the peo-ple of Omaha, and who are now seeking power to amend the city charter so they can issue bonds without a vote of the people. But will the city manager plan, as

proposed by The Bec, restore to the people a representative form of gov-ernment which all good citizens elleve should contain that fundamental principle of democracy, "Let the People Rule?" Or will it produce the opposite result?

I-cannot help but believe the city manager plan of one-man govern-

dictator, whose great powers would be dangerous, and I doubt if the man lives who has self control, sanity and tolerance enough to use it discreetly

Why not get back to a representa-tive form of government? Let the people elect one member to the city council for each of the 12 wards in the city of Omaha when we change the charter for home rule. This will permit public opinion to have its expression in the administrative affairs of Omaha which is now being denied and would be denied under the taxpayers, who must defray the expenses of government. This expression of public opinion should not

which the present city commission

Intelligent and sympathetic toler-ation of the view points of our citi-zens by our hired men (city commis-sioners) will do much toward remedying our present evils of govern-ment in Omaha and aliay the feeling of unrest that exists today politician who will tell the tamongst our citizens. What we want is a more representative form of rew statesmen.—Houston post.

be deprived and its influence will government where the voice of the offer a reasonable degree of harmony people may be heard, and if you can which the present city commission show me that the city manager plan will do this, then you will have a

convert for the city manager plan. So far you have falled to convince me. ROY M. HARROP. A Rara Avis. A statesman is what you call a politician who will tell the truth,

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