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The Bee's Platform

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

CASPER E. YOST: A BUILDER.

It is not an easy task to sum up in a few sentences the real achievements and assess the value of a life whose activities were so varied and continued over so long a time as was that of Casper E. Yost, who has just answered the call. Even the most elaborate recital would omit something of merit, while a summary is certain to fall short of a just and accurate resume of his career.

To Omaha Casper E. Yost was something more than a citizen. He had a vision, shared with others of his generation, of a great city where the ordinary eye saw only a struggling town. His foresight was justified in many ways; he lived to see the town on which he rested his faith come to be something approaching the city of his dreams; he saw the industry to which he devoted his talent, his means, his very life, grow into the greatest organization for transmitting intelligence the world knows—anything about. And through his devotion to Omaha he made this city a great central headquarters for the manifold activities of that organization.

He was closely associated with Theodore N. Vall and others of the eminent group under whose cape the telephone was brought to its highest development and adapted to social uses to such an extent that it is now an indispensable adjunct of the home, as much of a necessity as a bed or a cook stove. More so, for in many so-called homes, the telephone is at hand, while the cooking is done outside. Mr. Yost's part in this will probably never be entirely told, but Omahans who knew him are conversant with some of the details of his labors in building up the local plant to its present state of perfection, not only for the use of the city, but with its network of wires, closely interlacing the communities of the state and uniting them with all the land in one great and comprehensive system.

As a political leader in the early days of the state, a lawyer, a publisher, and in other active ways he took part in the affairs of the community, aiding in its material development and encouraging others by his example.

While this material achievement is a monument of which most men would be sufficiently proud, Casper E. Yost may be credited with something even greater. He not only built a telephone system, but he built up men to operate it. No young man ever associated himself with a more kindly "boss," one who took more keen but unobtrusive interest in the personal affairs of those who worked with him, or who gave to the beginner more opportunity to make good or more certain reward when he did make good. To tell of those who felt the influence of this quality of Mr. Yost's character would be to call the roll of telephone men who have attained prominence in the operations of the company since it was organized. How much Omaha owes to him on this score is beyond computation.

The death of a grandson, one of America's glorious company of "bird men" in France, dealt this fine citizen a blow he did not rally from, and hastened the culmination that advancing years already portended. He gave over his active participation in the management of the company's affairs more than a year ago, hoping to find some rest before journeying on. The great institution he helped to establish will go on, a memorial in itself to his genius as an organizer and his courageous tenacity to a purpose. His work for Omaha will remain, because it was of the enduring type, and those who were privileged to know him well will mourn the death of Casper E. Yost, because they have lost a friend as the city has a builder.

Armenia and the League. It now seems probable that the crucial test of the League of Nations is to come almost immediately, and hastened the culmination that advancing years already portended. He gave over his active participation in the management of the company's affairs more than a year ago, hoping to find some rest before journeying on. The great institution he helped to establish will go on, a memorial in itself to his genius as an organizer and his courageous tenacity to a purpose. His work for Omaha will remain, because it was of the enduring type, and those who were privileged to know him well will mourn the death of Casper E. Yost, because they have lost a friend as the city has a builder.

Matters have developed rapidly since the United States senate declined to accept a mandate for Armenia. Beset by bolsheviks on the one side and the Turk nationalists on the other, the situation of the Armenians has been precarious, and yet they have found time to harass Azerbaijan and mingle extensively in the mixed politics of the region. The more important thing is, however, that England and France allotted between themselves certain "spheres of influence," none of which have so far developed materially to their advantage.

Venezolas, with consent of the Allies, took up arms against the Turk nationalists, and speedily drove them out of that portion of the country to which Greece laid claim, but only succeeded in concentrating them against the Armenians. Now that Venezolas has been turned down by the inconspicuous Greeks, the Turks accept the election there as an endorsement of their course at home, and request that all external pressure be removed, that they may settle their own affairs in their own way. This, of course, is their idea of self-determination. That it holds the very immediate probability of completion of the half-finished job of exterminating the Armenians is quite apparent at Geneva.

We have the interesting spectacle of Sir Robert Cecil, sitting as a representative of the South African Union, prodding Arthur J. Balfour, who sits for the United Kingdom, into

accepting a decision against his judgment and the traditions of his statecraft. Vivian's eloquence may be potent to sweep the assembly into a frenzy of action against the Turk, but the council must yet act, and it has done nothing since the United States declined the mandate. Another nation may be found, but the one that does take up the work will do so with full knowledge of what is involved. A war with Turkey is not especially desired by either of the great powers, and none of the lesser can carry on such an engagement without assistance. Any way the matter is viewed, the question of Armenia is perplexing. Its final answer includes the breaking up of Turkey, and that is just what the European powers have sought to avoid for longer than a century. Geneva's answer is more important now than was that of Berlin a generation ago.

Danger Signal for Lake Outlet. If the Great Lakes waterway were in operation today, what would be selling at 10 cents a bushel more. The reason for this is that the cost of exporting our surplus grain to Europe would be diminished by that amount. American wheat is sold in competition on the world's market, and any reduction in freight charges would give the producers here a corresponding benefit.

Julius H. Barnes is authority for the statement that if the extension of the waterway were made down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, a saving of 10 cents a bushel on transportation of export as well as domestic grain would be made. This, he figured, would amount to \$200,000,000 annually on all grains. Such are the stakes in the contest that is now being waged to obtain the official cooperation of the governments of Canada and the United States for this project. Influences are at work in the east to prevent the consummation which means so much to the producers of the middle west. At a recent meeting of the Atlantic Deep Waterways association, a resolution condemning the Great Lakes project was adopted. This urged that no such improvement should be made outside American boundaries, thus making it appear a matter of patriotism that no deep water canal be dug because it would pass through Canadian territory, and thus not meet military needs as well as those of commerce.

For more than a hundred years, Americans and Canadians have lived in neighborly friendliness. No troops line the frontiers, there is no thought of hostility, and with such an interest in common as this waterway, new bonds of friendship would result. A year ago similar resolutions against the plan were presented to the National Rivers and Harbors congress, where they were smothered. It is considered probable that the same move will be made in the Rivers and Harbors meeting in Washington early next month. Governors of states, commercial and manufacturing associations and similar bodies all have a right to send delegates to this improvement congress. Eastern ports with interests bitterly opposed to any plan which would make it unnecessary for all export trade to pass through their hands will have every opportunity to back these tensions against the Great Lakes outlet unless the organizations in the Middle West are vigilant enough to send adequate representation of their own.

A City Drills for Oil. Public parks and charitable institutions are not usually expected to return dividends, but oil has been struck on the poor farm of Greek county, Oklahoma, and there an investment in humanity has developed into a paying business proposition. The county's paupers, although not receiving the flow of wealth, at all events will not be a burden on the taxpayers as long as the well continues to produce. Two miles away, the city of Bristow has decided to go into the oil game. Forty acres of park land are to be drilled, and imagination falters at the prospect of what the discovery of a gusher would bring. Instead of paying taxes, the inhabitants of this unique community would divide up the yearly profits. Cynics will say that it is worth a few hundred dollars to live in one of those sun baked towns of the southwest, but if the dividends were of any considerable dimensions, the city would have to build a wall to keep immigrants out and prevent too general a division of the municipal income.

In Scandinavia there are cities actually taxless, supported by tracts of forest land, and in Germany there used to be places where local taxes were replaced by small payments from the city to the people from profits of various enterprises, but among American communities, Bristow will stand unique—if it strikes oil.

Belgium's Race for Babies. Belgium before the war was more densely populated than China, and while the report that there are now more deaths than births among the French half of its population is not a matter for congratulation, neither is it an evil entirely without compensations. In Belgium as a whole, births exceeded deaths by 15,000 last year, and by considerably more this year. The increase due to the fecundity of the Flemish element, and a cabinet minister warns that the Walloon or French-speaking section will be over-run unless there is a change.

This statement refers to the fact that Belgium is made up of two different races, different in language, religion and personal characteristics. The war brought them together, but peace finds them once more apart. Long before the conflict the French strain was multiplying more slowly than the Dutch-speaking section, and it is questionable if even the exigency of maintaining the numerical and political balance will be sufficient to embark them on a rivalry for population.

Mr. Munsey combined the Baltimore News and the American, but he has far to go before equalling the record of the owner of the Nebraska Signal, of Geneva, who has just consolidated the eleventh county newspaper with his own.

The relation of flour to bread and pigs to pork chops presents an unusually intriguing puzzle just now.

If Turkey could be disposed of as easily as turkey, how nice it would be at Geneva.

Daniel in the lion's den had nothing on Senator Fall in Mexico.

Anybody want the mandate for Armenia? It is going cheap. Think of fistuffs and the Irish question!

A Line O' Type or Two

New to the Line, let the quips fall where they may.

ABERRANT. Mrs. Jones' mind was of the kind Used many years diversely and diffusely. When it was planned to fact it found it lacked. It ratiocinated most obtusely. The listed proteins in so much food; The listed drops in price for meat or wheat; Directions for a knitted sweater vest; Why remains replace sugar as a sweet; The listed firms employing "Boys" returned; The listed items of her income tax; The listed fertilizers for her soil; Which congressmen on suffrage counts were lax; The list of reasons why saloons went dry; These all were at a moment's notice; But when you asked her age—irresolute, She faltered, "I forget all dates completely." C. S. P. W.

UNLESS you have got out a column while the shop was in the throes of moving you have no idea how difficult it is, at times, to collect your thoughts, such as they are.

IF—IF—QUITE SO. (From the Bocha Review.)

If the new administration, with its augmented power in both the house and senate, will, in every exercise of its control, set on the lines of sound business considerations, keeping in mind only the good of the country, and subordinating every political consideration to this line of procedure, the republican party will have justified the amazingly favorable verdict accorded to it at the polls.

"ARE architects temperamental?" is the headlined inquiry over a story about one of the craft. Well, they are at least peculiar. In Paris, when a taxi driver wishes to be particularly opprobrious he terms a man "un espece d'architecte."

A Capital Whoece.

Sir: My idea of painting the lily is this from an advertisement in the New Republic, referring to Eugene V. Debs: "The United States government has an old man in prison in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, the government regards his old man as a common felon, and treats him as such; SHAVES HIS HEAD, puts a prison suit upon him, feeds him upon prison food, and locks him in a steel-barred cell 14 consecutive hours out of each 24."

The capitals are my own. E. A. E.

VOX POP invites the Trib to become a law-abiding journal; and perhaps after it emerges from the clutter of moving to its new shop it may give Pop's notion the consideration it deserves.

LIKE SOME FOLKS YOU KNOW. (From the Hartford, Wis. Times.)

A carrot shaped like the body of a headless man was found on a farm in the town of Ashford by William Dreikosen, of near Fond du Lac. The limbs are of equal size, shaped and taper from the neck to the arm pits. The neck is well rounded. Where the head should be, the green top of the plant begins.

REPLYING to a curious correspondent, the Indianapolis News mentions that Thanksgiving in 1864 fell on November 31. This was more remarkable than the great comet which appeared a few years afterward.

What's the Matter With the Apple Pie? (From the Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wells have two charming guests, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Daab, of Indianapolis, who arrive today for an all too brief visit. Mrs. Daab, who is an extremely pretty woman, is unusually clever, too, an artist whose china painting has given her a place of distinction in her community. On Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Wells are giving one of their delightful little dinners in honor of their visitors, and to hear the great time a difficult and interesting composition for piano and violin, recently finished by Mme. Liszewska, who, after dinner, with the assistance of M. Andre Rebaupierre, will interpret this brilliant score, using her hostess' wonderful new piano, a modernized copy of that presented 10 years ago to the White House. Those who will enjoy this happy affair include, besides the host and hostess, Mrs. Liszewska, Miss Margaret Spaulding, Miss Wilkin and M. Andre Rebaupierre, all talented musicians.

SOME people think that singing comes by nature, but it is the notion of Alexander Nakutin, vocal teacher, that you have to — to them.

A MACHINE GUN IS BEST. (From the Boston Globe.)

From this date, November 14, 1920, I will not be responsible for any bill contracted by my wife, Mrs. Bernadine G. Whynot. SOULFUL bicycle ad on Wells street: "Eight cents on the surface lines; Ten cents on the L. Buy yourself a bike. And tell 'em to go to hell." You Have to Have It Fresh. Sir: Why should Rig of Minnesota get all this social prestige. Here at the University of Nebraska, Prof. Maurice Wesen teaches English to freshmen. But we took pen in hand to tell you that in respect to Springfield, Mass. we partook of some home brew. No zigzag resulted. Dues, we believe, to the effete yeast. M. T.

WARNING from the Daily News: "Raggedy Andy will probably go into many homes by Christmas."

YOU NEVER CAN TELL. (From the Omaha World-Herald.)

Two elegant Simmons' twin beds, or will exchange for baby crib and carriage. George Stout, 911 South 25th St.

MR. LARSEN conducts the "PaPar Blacksmith Shop" in Conrad, Ia. This is the last neighbor parlors.

SEIZE HIM, SCOUTS! Sir: I submit for the consideration of the new school of journalism the following, re: "Information has been received that Mrs. who was spending a vacation of several weeks in Colorado, was killed in an automobile accident over long CALICITROSUS by her husband."

EVERYONE is his bugaboo. Senator Borah's is "the imperialists of Geneva."

AT HOME AFTER WEDNESDAY. (From the Monticello Bulletin.)

"Doc" Plunk will begin his duties as turnkey at the county jail Monday. He will move his family there about Wednesday.

ENGLAND seems not afraid to sup with Lenin. Short-spoon nations watch out. B. L. T.

Shark Industry. The skin from a 12-foot shark yields about 50 square feet of leather and about 700 sharks are caught daily along the coast, the skins being tanned in New Jersey city.—Ohio State Journal.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered promptly, subject to space limitations. When a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed, 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.

WHEN A LION BITES YOU.

"I read in the papers," W. writes, "that a woman had been scratched by a tiger. It was said that nothing would be applied to the wound, but that after a few days the wound would be covered by grafts. Is this good treatment? Is there not danger from hydrophobia or blood poisoning?" Selous, who seems to know more about the subject than anybody else, says such wounds should be washed out with strong carbolic acid as promptly as possible. Selous' experience was exclusively in South Africa and he knew nothing about tiger scratches, but he was raked by a lion a few times and he had opportunities to see people who had been mauled and raked by lions and others who had been wounded by leopards and all kinds of wild animals.

He said when a lion scratch was allowed to go untreated it was always a long time in healing. It was indolent rather than vicious, got full of proud flesh, and something just would not heal. This is true of all ulcers and sores occurring in the countries, yet Selous, who was an accurate observer, said it was exceptionally true of scratches and bites by lions and leopards. On the other hand, when a lion scratch was cut out at once with strong carbolic it healed quickly and satisfactorily.

A scratch or bite made by a wild carnivorous animal is very apt to be infected with disease producing and putrefaction causing bacteria. They eat bodies of animals, sometimes badly decomposed, and sometimes dead of disease. How could their claws be clean? However, there is not the same degree of danger where the scratch is made by the cleaner claws of man's animals that walk on clean floors and eat fresh, clean, high grade meat.

The armies in Flanders and northern France soon learned that a man with a dirty wound should be given tetanus antitoxin invariably. It would be safer in the case of an extensive wound due to a scratch to have an injection of that antitoxin given; next to apply carbolic acid to the wound.

The more promptly it is used the better.

If a very strong solution is used the wound then should be washed out with alcohol. After this any standard open dressing should be applied. Some persons would use iodine to kill the bacteria in the wound instead of carbolic acid. For the general use of dirty wounds iodine is used to sterilize much more frequently than is strong carbolic.

Probably Need Exercise.

M. S. writes: "Will you kindly publish a cure, or at least a help, for auto-intoxication? Cascara was recommended, but was of little help. Is dieting the best thing in such cases? Would an operation be beneficial?"

REPLY. You are constipated. The cure consists in eating fruit, vegetables and coarse breads and cereals, drinking a great deal of water and exercising. If bran and other coarse breads do not effect a cure add agar and mineral oil to your menu. The Lane operation is not thought to be indicated in many cases.

Let Him Eat Vegetables.

O. M. writes: "My son, 14 years old, has been unable to take milk since he was 12 months old. He eats like a 'bird hand,' but is pale and under weight. Is there any way to make milk pleasing to his taste?"

REPLY. There are some people to whom even good milk is a poison. Give the boy plenty of meat and green vegetables. For instance, spinach, turnip salad, all other kinds of greens.

The Bee's Letter Box

Double the Price of Gold.

Omaha, Nov. 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial in Sunday's issue entitled "Pity the Poor Gold Mine Owner" brings some interesting questions to light relative to our present financial system. In 1914 the purchasing power of an ounce of gold was \$20.67 and in 1920 it is found to be only \$9.70. This is the chief cause of the great decrease in gold production in this country and the shutting down of an industry which employs approximately 500,000 men in its various departments.

During the past year the government reports of the United States, show a decrease in the mining of gold of \$65,000,000. The saving that a scarcity of gold means low prices and an abundance of gold means high prices is untrue. The United States government today has scarcely enough gold in coin and bullion to pay the interest on the

Liberty bond issue and redeem the war savings stamps due in 1923. Our high prices are not caused by gold, for this commodity has practically ceased to circulate as a medium of exchange. The real cause for high prices is a result of the flood of fiat paper money issued by the federal reserve bank which currency is not based on the gold reserve, but on the taxing power of the government.

The American people can expect to be gouged by high prices until this government remedies the existing evil and is restored to a hard cash basis of gold and silver to be used as a circulating medium. The McFayden bill, which proposes to pay the producers and holders of gold

bullion a bonus of \$10 an ounce on all gold delivered to the Treasury department, is not endorsed by the gold mining industry, but by a clique of investment bankers who have the gold now on hand and expect to receive the benefit of this \$10 an ounce bonus by turning this gold now in their possession over to the United States treasury.

The "poor gold miner" is not asking for pity. He is simply asking for justice at the hands of the government that he may continue to operate. He is simply pointing out to the government that the present gold standard has outlived its usefulness and should be increased from \$20.67 to \$11.34 an ounce. This must be done to protect the gold reserves of the United States treasury and save this country from bankruptcy. Let our national slogan be "Dig More Gold."

ROY M. HARROP.

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