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The Bee's Platform 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways... 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.

THE BRICKLAYER A SYMBOL. One of the well reasoned editorials lately appearing in our interesting contemporary, the World-Herald, dealt with the bricklayer as a symbol. Teaching by symbols is as unsatisfactory at times as trying to impart information by parables...

He is symbolic of the inversion of economic laws by which Americans have sought to get rich by the singular process of producing as little as possible and asking for it an exorbitant price. Not the bricklayer alone is an offender in this regard, nor labor, but capital as well has shared in the prevalent folly.

Investigations of conditions in New York by the Lockwood committee have disclosed not only the miserable graft carried on by Brindell and acquiesced in by contractors, but also that a nation-wide combine exists to control price of building material. Something similar may be suspected with regard to other commodities.

Leaders Seldom Go to Jail. In a ringing pronouncement, emitted at Washington, Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' union, advises the members in Kansas to go to jail rather than submit to any effort to require them to market their crops.

The Child's Right to Health. The old days when minding, or eating between meals, was forbidden to children seem quite definitely past with the advent of nutrition classes in the public schools. Omaha is only one among many cities that are now trying to build up the health of the children at the same time that they are cultivating the minds.

afternoon, graham crackers. Fresh air in sleeping rooms, frequent bathing and abstinence from tea and coffee are added to the treatment. In the first week gains of from half a pound to more than two pounds were reported in one of these nutrition classes.

Under a somewhat similar arrangement, in fourteen schools in Kansas City, Kan., fresh milk is served to students as a part of the plan to raise the standard of health. The Red Cross nurses who carry out this work sell a half pint of milk and two graham crackers to the pupils for five cents, which is just a fraction under the actual cost.

Of these two systems, it is perhaps the better that the cost of this extra nourishment be borne by the school district. The right to health is properly as inalienable as any other, and in striving for strong minds in strong bodies, the public schools are not glancing off on a fad, but heading in a sensible direction that has been too long in being taken.

Pensions for Indian War Veterans. The Bee is reminded by a correspondent at Battle Mountain sanitarium that the Capper bill providing for pensions for Indian war veterans is coming before congress again this winter. Here is a measure that ought to pass. Perhaps if the men who will benefit by it were more numerous, it would have passed long ago.

Not only was the commerce itself endangered, but the development of the country, then beginning, was involved in the pacification of the tribes of Sioux, Cheyenne, Camanche, Crow and Blackfeet, who disputed the ground with the palefaces. Beecher Island is the memorial of an epic of the west, the battle of "Sandy" Forsyth and his troopers, recruited around the settlements of Kagsas, against Roman Nose, supported by the full strength of the Cheyenne tribes.

Easy Come, Easy Go. Less than a year ago a New York speculator succeeded in cornering the stock of a certain automobile company. Other speculators who had gone through the fiction of selling shares in this company which they did not possess, were forced to pay enormous prices in order to deliver, and it was finally necessary for the stock exchange to step in and stop the slaughter.

In Behalf of Tenants With Children. It is not enough to have been a child, but one must have children of his own in order to sympathize with those families who are barred from renting certain houses or apartments because of their brood. The Central Labor union's legislative committee, in offering a draft of an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to refuse to rent to families having children undoubtedly is regarding the matter from the parents' standpoint. And yet the sentiment of all fathers and mothers will not be unanimous.

Wonder who those American oil men are that have been barred from England's mandate territory in Mesopotamia? Wonder No. 2: Is this worth risking international friction over? Aristides was banished from ancient Athens because the people tired of hearing him called "the Just," and this same thought may possibly afford some comfort to Venizelos.

No one will ever find any pork in the recommended appropriation of \$15,000 for next year's work on the Missouri river between Kansas City and Sioux City. A New York paper says the electoral college is now a co-ed affair, but it will never be as interesting as the real thing. A St. Paul man who stole four microscopes may have wanted to examine his weekly salary after paying his bills.

A Line O' Type or Two

Unspooled. To Mabel, Rex Beach is a summer resort; Lapis-lazuli a Turk; Chippendale sounds like the breed of a dog. Ruocco a dangerous drink. She's crazy to be hid loose. France? A Whistler, its plumage to smooth; Ruskin reminds her of bold Russian Reds; Morocco a passie for her tooth.

ACCORDING to the New York Evening Post, there are great deposits of coal in "16 feet 15 inches north latitude and 160 feet 31 inches west longitude." So England, at one end of the vein, need not worry about supplies for some time. BUT WHAT DID THE PAPER GET OUT OF IT?

THE notice that the war was fought to make the world safe for democracy is not strongly supported in Greece. IN dedicating her autobiography to her husband, Mrs. Asquith quotes Epictetus: "Have you not received powers, to the limit of which you will bear all that befalls? Have you not received magnanimity? Have you not received courage? Have you not received endurance?" Mr. Christopher Morley thinks the gentlemen needs them, but we are not so sure. It is said that when Margot mentioned to him the large sum she was to receive for the book, Mr. Asquith remarked, "I hope, my dear, that it isn't worth it."

They Order These Things Differently, If Not Better, in Anatolia, France. The author of "Les Baisers" approaches his amorous experiences with the detached manner of a psychologist interested in the mental reactions of certain corporeal pleasures whose mechanism he has previously studied in his capacity of physiologist. His attitude is the same as that of the writers of those comedies of manners which hold the stage in the theaters of the boulevards. It is dry, precise, matter-of-factly and at every moment the comedian of the boulevards does not concern himself with trying to find some sort of metaphysical justification for the raptures of physical passion, not to mention voluptuousness of sensuality. He is simply an analyst of facts, whose business is to get all the wit that is possible out of an equivocal situation. Similarly, the author of these papers does not try to make us believe that physical pleasures have a divine justification. Neither has he any wish to "make us grovel, hand and foot in Bellal's gripes." He is merely engaged in remembering "des heures et des entretiens" which were extremely pleasant—hours which strike for every one, conversations and meetings which are taking place in all parts of the world and at every moment.

RUSSIA'S finance commissioners have been directed to prepare a plan for the abolishing of money. They haven't far to go. In a Milwaukee story "Art finds its most sublime expression in those hats." On a ranch near San Diego: "Rabbits, for mating or 'dressed.' On a New Orleans barber shop: "Front place, shave 5 cents, haircut 15 cents; back place, shave 5 cents, haircut 15 cents."

Close Observer. The other day Prof. Dink Beeson was trying to suggest to his class in commercial law the word "endorsement." "Now if the country November 2 had by their votes continued the democratic party in power for another four years, what would that have been?" "A miracle," replied the boy who reads the newspapers.—Los Angeles Times.

What Miss Robertson Will Do. When Miss Alice Robertson, cafeteria proprietor and member-elect of the next congress, arrives in Washington she will have all the bills arranged on long tables and let each congressman pass along and select those he wishes to vote for.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Decimals Too. We are in a fair way to become a nation of sixth graders, says a voice from Dane county, Sixth-grade knowledge is not so small. Let's see, we will know all about fractions, be able to trace the circulation of the blood, and give the boundaries of all the countries of the earth. It will mean hard study of nights for most of us.—Milwaukee Journal.

The Bee's Letter Box

Cost of Brick in Walls. Omaha, Nov. 26.—To the Editor of The Bee: In reply to an editorial in the World-Herald on November 22, entitled "The Bricklayer a Symbol," The Associated Employers of Indiana gave some figures, as to the rate per hour and number of brick, the bricklayer lays per day. The rate per hour in the statement is just about the same as the rate was in Omaha from 1909 to 1920, and the bricklayer in Omaha lays about the same amount per day as in any other city in the United States. I think the Associated Employers of Indiana did not give the bricklayer a square deal in their estimate of the number of bricks laid per day. I want to be fair with both the employer and the employe.

While the bricklayer's wages are high, they are not alone responsible for the high cost of building. I want to give some figures on the cost of brick laid in the walls: P value of the consuming public to know what it costs for material as well as for labor, also the cost of other items that must be taken into consideration by the builder. These figures will show just what the public pays for brick work.

Table with columns: Yr., Brick, Sand, Cement, Labor, Cost. Rows for 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920.

While the wages of the bricklayer have advanced, the same thing is true to a greater or less degree of the other building crafts. It is true of every industry in the country. The trouble does not lie with the producer, but with the non-producer, while the bricklayers and other building crafts do not do as much as they did in 1909, we have thousands of able bodied men who do not perform one bit of useful labor but who derive their sustenance from the toil of others.

Reduce the hours of toil and increase the number of toilers at the full work, crime will be reduced to a minimum and we will be a happy people. Is this not a suggestion worth thinking about and acting upon? It should appeal to the man who does not produce as well as the man who does. CHARLES BAKER.

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