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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.

PARDONS AND PAROLES.

Recommendations of Attorney General Davis for amendment of the indeterminate sentence and parole laws, establishing a procedure to be followed by the board of pardons created by the new constitution, appear to The Bee to be basically sound and worthy of careful consideration by Governor McKevie and the state legislators.

The attorney general's proposals cover three main items:

- First—Provision for thorough hearing and full publicity on all applications for pardons or paroles. Second—Limitation of the indeterminate sentence by eliminating crimes against the person or attempted crimes of this nature from its scope.

Quite properly the attorney general upholds the principle of the indeterminate sentence. It meets the need for a system of administering the criminal law that gives consideration not only to the punishment of an offender but to his possible reformation.

But the attorney general recognizes also that certain and adequate punishment constitutes an example to others tempted. He recognizes furthermore that punishment by law is civilization's substitute for private vengeance; if it is allowed to become too lax, the individual's outraged feeling may take the law into his own hands—and mob law may result.

In some details The Bee disagrees with Mr. Davis. It doubts the advisability of published notice of forthcoming hearings on pardons and paroles in the county in which the crime was committed. It inclines to believe that the provision for notice to the judge, the county attorney and sheriff of such county, with mandatory provision for recommendations from such officials, constitutes sufficient notice to the community and saves the applicant from danger of prejudice on the part of an organized minority.

The probability is that the local officers can be depended upon to reflect fairly the majority sentiment of their respective communities as to the propriety of the proposed clemency. The Bee suggests, furthermore, that provisions be made for application of the indeterminate sentence to cases involving crimes against the person in cases of first offenders barely of legal age.

The problem of pardons and paroles may not attract the personal interest of legislators as much as many other questions before them, but nevertheless it is important that they should equip the new board of pardons with a procedure fitted to insure justice, fair and equal.

Who Pays the Taxes?

Occasionally some tory of the old school will say privately that no one but taxpayers ought to be allowed to vote, especially on questions of issuing public bonds. Occasionally, also, some incident arises to show that no one outside of charitable or penal institutions can be classed as exempt from taxation. The arrangement between some apartment house owners and their landlords by which rents rise or fall in accordance with the movement of taxes offers such proof.

It is probable that there are some men and women who believe they are practically free from taxation, but this belief gradually will be expunged if the custom of passing on or dividing the burden thus frankly is enlarged. When we buy a tube of tooth paste or a ticket to a theater, we understand that the government tax is paid by us, and there is also a growing realization that excess profits taxes and to a degree, income taxes, are also spread around. But the fact that in purchasing almost any article made abroad the price includes a fee to Uncle Sam, or that in paying rent we are helping meet the property owner's tax collector is not so generally considered.

If there are today any individuals or classes that believe the expenditures of the local, state and national government do not affect their pocketbook merely because they do not pay directly, it is time for them to wake up. Public economy should be a vital matter of interest to every citizen, and until it is regarded as such, no great curtailment of governmental extravagance can be hoped for.

Cutting Down Automobile Deaths.

More than 10 persons a day were killed in automobile accidents in the last year, according to the census report. There will be some like the old lady, who read the menu of a meal that could be served for 17 cents and marveled not that it was so large but that it was so little. Truly, when one sees the congestion of the streets in the heart of all great cities, the reckless driving on the more open roads, and the scurrying pedestrians who do not always exercise the greatest care at crossings, the marvel is to be found in the fool proof developments of the motor car.

And yet there is opportunity for reducing the fatalities of motoring. The traffic safety drive now being waged in Omaha is duplicated

in many cities, and without doubt will be responsible for the saving of many lives, both of drivers and persons afoot. The total of 3,808 persons killed in automobile accidents last year represents 14.4 deaths out of each 100,000 of population. There has been an increase every year since 1915, and an increase of 245 over 1918. But, to continue to look on the hopeful side of this condition, the number of automobiles is being enlarged each year. Fifteen years ago the accident death rate was 8 per 100,000, and now it stands at 14.1; in this same time there has been a greater proportionate increase in the number of cars. The attention devoted to prevention of reckless driving has had its effect, and there is no reason to despair of a gradual minimizing of the dangers of the road.

Mr. Burleson's Concluding Mistake.

Postmaster General Burleson's attempt to shift part of the burden of the deficit of his department on the shoulders of the rank and file of the employes does not coincide with the public belief that those in the mail service were underpaid and are now getting no more than they earn or need to maintain an American standard of living. His effort to blame "paid agitators" for demoralizing the service by organizing the government employes into protective associations may also be considered as the product of his pique over the success of the movement for an increase in salaries.

Too often the natural working of human nature is laid to agitation. More often the expression of dissatisfaction and a desire for better conditions is spontaneous, merely pushing forward men to be its spokesmen. In cases where this is true, it is blindest folly to single out one man or a little group and load them with the entire responsibility.

Americans are not sheep, nor do they require bellwethers when they have personal knowledge of questions at issue. Mr. Burleson evidently aspired to be a bellwether and is chagrined at his failure. This is not to say that there are no agitators or that controversy is not sometimes stirred up by propaganda emanating not from a public source but a private one. Agitators exist on both sides of the fence, and by some the postmaster general might be so classified. There are radical stirrers up of distrust and trouble as well as conservative. In some instances men who perhaps see the opportunity for a fat living pursue the policy of attempting to scare business men and employers with conjured up visions of blue ruin and red destruction if they do not contribute to the support of a counter-offensive of propaganda.

On the other hand there are men who paint a picture of modern life as a desperate struggle in which happiness can only come from revolutionary changes in the wage system.

Both these extremes must fall under suspicious scrutiny, for there is no real public sentiment that gives birth to either—they are patently manufactured for personal ends. This being the case, it is not only unjust but dangerous to refer to every movement for moderate reform or change as the work of agitators. Those who occupy the middle ground, with their grievances and desires self-contained, should not be encouraged to regard themselves as radicals nor goaded by being put beyond the pale of Americanism.

Mr. Burleson's manifest endeavor to escape culpability by the blame for the natural result of mismanagement onto somebody else, either congress or the organized employes of the Postoffice department, is too transparent. He showed himself long ago to be entirely out of step with the times, and should have been retired at the end of his first term. However, he has the distinction of being the only member of the first Wilson cabinet actually reappointed and confirmed by the senate, so that a portion of the responsibility for his record lingers around the White House.

Between Ireland and England.

Conditions that have developed in Ireland are a challenge to the government of England so direct that it can not be much longer evaded. That a city like Cork can be laid waste by fire and sword without exciting comment throughout the world is incredible. When an invading German army so conducted itself at Liege and Lovain, a blaze of indignation ran through America, and such surely will not cause wonder if it is now expressed at the destruction of Cork.

It is not enough to tell us that the disorder over there is the outgrowth of fanaticism; that may be understood. The entire Sinn Fein campaign, with that of the Orangemen on the other hand, has been characterized by such exhibitions of bigoted devotion to a single idea as seldom has been noted elsewhere in history. Nothing will be gained by debating the causes just now. The point is, how shall the situation be remedied and order restored?

England will not admit that a state of war exists, for that would be to give standing to the "Irish republic," which so insistently makes its claims that it deserves the recognition accorded to belligerents. Yet it does seem that the British government, even though its attention be distracted by other serious complications, should find some more effective means than have so far been employed to put down the disorder that has so disturbed Ireland. "Black and Tan" reprisals wear much the same hue as the reported outrages of the "murder bands," and the assassinations in Dublin are scarcely more reprehensible than the burning of Cork. The London Times weeks ago referred to the military forces in Ireland as being "perilously indis disciplined," and events have justified the comment. It may be that the Sinn Fein opposition is losing ground, as has been stated by government authorities, but its last kicks are surely vigorous enough.

From whatever angle the affair is viewed, the conclusion is natural that the interests of humanity will be better served when the outlawry now rampant in Ireland is squelched. Friends of Ireland are as deeply concerned in this as friends of England.

The dolor of Albert Sidney Burleson's swan song will undoubtedly win whatever prize the administration hung up for such efforts.

Delaware's blue laws ought to offset as well as explain its reluctance to adopt woman's suffrage.

Too many auto wrecks again; drivers should look up the condition of brakes as well as chains.

Mr. Townley is going to give Nebraska a joyride and ask the farmers to pay for it.

A Line O' Type or Two

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

THE yellow race seems to take it for granted that in a finish fight the white race would be extinguished. Possibly. But the yellow boys would know that they had been in a fight.

"WE wish the co-operative factories a success," says an esteemed contemporary on our left. So do we, with this prediction, that if success is achieved it will be by the same methods that are employed in the iniquitous capitalist system.

Classical Who's Who. Orbilius, didst thou some time dream of fame? 'Twas better than thou shouldst forever lack it. Than that thou shouldst have won an odious name.

By warning well that small Horatian jacket. CALCITRONS'S. IN Maryland, my Maryland dandelions have reappeared in great numbers. But what we had in mind was that you likely know there is a variety of dandelions which is cultivated for wine.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT'S THE MATTER? (From Oak Park Oak Leaves.) Lost—Bicycle taken at foot ball game Sunday, November 28; have evidence of miscreant; please return to 711 Belleforte, if you wish to avert trouble.

FOUND—On foot ball field, Harlan Ave. and Division; man's bicycle and sweater after game Sunday; owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad. Call at 329 North 14th St.

"IMMIGRANTS have helped to make this country the richest and most powerful in the world," declares Representative Sabath. All right. "Let's keep it so."

The Death-Bed of the Year. With panic shriek the clouds in fleecy flight Stampedede before the winter's frosty scowl; Driest 'mongst waiving fancies a banished howl, Lamenting at the tomb of June's delight, Out-walls the leathery creak of geese affright. Far in the gusty sky. Unwaked the owl With hoarse hootings mocks the watch-dog's growl. Whose echoing kennel bays the voluble night.

The dotard year thus means his night demise; Still my high heart a stranger to fears; Since well its knows, 'spite of such auguries, Soon will a sweeter summer's pioneer Sing in your skylark voice, then follow after. The fountain's rise and falling of your laughter. PETRARCHINO.

A DISPATCH from Manila reports the killing of 30 Moros as the result of "efforts to encourage the education of children." And echo comments: "Underneath the starry flag civilization smelt with a Krug."

"MY excuse for admitting that I am a democrat," confides Mr. W. J. Links, following from Mr. Harding's Bedford speech: "It takes all the impressions of human existence and by some alchemy of love removes the dross and makes golden the cross of faith which is the rosary to every human prayer."

Straw, Cork and Plain. Sir: The housewives want a mandate for Our. Mr. Links, following from William, Woodrow and Warren—we seem to make our presidents pass an alliterary test. This is a poor season to test politeness; everybody, even the office boy, is courteous just before Christmas.

The difference between Edward Fitzgerald and F. Scott Fitzgerald is this: Edward wrote Omar Khayyam, and F. Scott writes Omar-howsmarthayam. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Harding no doubt talked about the servant problem, the efficiency of the White House janitor, and how very high, my dear, everything is in Washington.

Two Welsh golfers played for 20 miles, in 608 strokes. Soon will have coast-to-coast tournaments, Burleson, Burleson, Burleson, Hill, and the Lincoln Fairway, and the Mammoth Hole, and Riverside Drives—but why Continue? Q. A. R. (One always asks: "But why continue?" when one can't think of anything else. At least we do. With ribald hootings mocks the watch-dog's growl.)

PHILIP Hale quotes a seasonal reminder from "Hudibras," which is full of s. r.'s: "All piety consists therein. In them, in their men all sin. Rather than fall, they will deny. That which they love most tenderly: Quarrel with nine-c'd-pies and disparage. Their best and dearest friend, plumpridge." THE gadder who craves a lyric on ham and eggs may not be entirely suited with the following, but at least a good start has been made.

Ham and Eggs. All hail unto the hog and hen. "Thy sauce the living does meant." For when there's nothing else to chew. There's ham and eggs to see them through. When waters frown, the while we stare, Fearing, hopeful, bills of fare, Yet sink and sink into our seats, To find no signs of goodly eats, Until—ah, happy thought!—we rise And take hungry fish to foxy flies. "Some ham, with eggs, the latest laid." And, waiting, hum and hum again, "All hail unto the hog and hen!" And when, at last, beneath our belt The combination warms our pelt, Hither and yon we gladly jog. Blessing the hen and eke the hog. O. R. A. P. R. NOBIS.

"BURGLARS robbed Dr. Phillips' house Monday night, but no loot was taken."—Elgin News. Wonder where Doc keeps his loot? CHOP SUEY. (From the Los Angeles Times.) Young China is reading Thorstein Veblen systematically, judging by a substantial reorder covering practically all of Veblen's books. We wonder what the patient Chinese mind will think when it strikes this Veblenian sentence appearing in his latest book: "The Place of Science in Modern Civilization." If we are getting restless, under the taxonomy of a monootyidonomous wage doctrine and a cryptogamic theory of interest, with involute, loculicidal, tonemous and moniform variants, what is the cyptoplasm, centrosome, or karyokinetic process to which we may turn, and in which we may find succor from the metaphysics of normality and controlling principles?"

A POOL table for \$5.95 won't, according to the candid advertiser, last long. "The ideal Christmas gift," says S. M. H. Hot and a Couple of Hums! Sir: Suppress a yawn while I inform you that "You get the girl, we'll do the rest," is the blunt statement of Hellrun and Grimm, furniture dealers of St. Louis. SIMA. "ESTHERVILLE Will Have a Milk Depot and Hugs New Dam."—Des Moines Register. Roll your own conclusion. MODEL OF 1910? (From the Des Moines Tribune.) If party who stole Cadillac car Saturday will return pictures and films taken from car he can keep car. Pictures are priceless and impossible to replace. Mail to Des Moines Photo Materials Co. DO you read about Clara Smith the first thing in the morning, or do you wait till you have shaved? B. L. T.

Parental Forethought. There are several varieties of wasps which, when they lay eggs, surround them with caterpillars in order that the young when they appear may be well supplied with food.—Indianapolis News. Carries Its Own Punishment. The W. C. T. U. will now wage a war against home brew. If they knew how undrinkable the stuff was, they would waste their time knocking it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Boy, Page that Foolkiller! The woman who screams "Fire!" the man who rocks the boat and the other who "totes" the unloaded gun are a deadly trinity.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

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"DAYS OF REAL SPORT." When the late Elbert Hubbard and a boy in McLean county, Illinois, the prevailing custom, at least among the people with whom he was thrown in contact, was to make use of the services of "saw doctors." When a sick person consulted one of these healers he was looked over, sized up, his tongue, pulse, and the "yallars" of his eyes were observed, and he was told to "come back next Friday for his medicine."

Then the "saw doctor" went out in the woods, hunted up some roots and leaves and seeds, took them home, stewed them up on the kitchen stove, and when the patient came back on Friday he was given a jugful of a vile looking vile smelling and vile tasting compound and told to take a gobletful at a time.

These concoctions got Elbert Hubbard's goat to such an extent that he ran away from home, grew long hair and became a reformer, an anti-vaccinationist, anti-sectionist, anti-medicine-out-of-abolitionist, and generally anti-medical.

Dr. Dr. H. Fantus has been Elbert Hubbard's doctor when that genius was "in bad," the explosive, convention busting energy might have been of use in another direction. Dr. Fantus has two axioms about medicating children which apply to some extent to adults. They are:

"A struggle in administration sometimes does more harm than the medicine can do good. "The more we know about medicine the less offensive is our medication."

What a pity it did not fall to the lot of Dr. Fantus to purge Elbert Hubbard of his earlier formative days. He has written a book on candy medication from which you can learn how to give it to children and how to make it happy about it. From his little book on useful cathartics I take the following formulas and recipes:

To take a castor oil—Place a layer of thick sirup of any flavor in a medicine glass, the inside of which is smeared with the sirup. Pour the oil in the middle of the glass without touching the sides. Cover with orange juice. Place the edge of the glass inside the lower lip on the teeth, swallow at once.

Biscuits—One-half cup wheat bran, one-half cup improved Graham flour, 1 teaspoonful baking power, 1 teaspoonful melted butter, 1 saltspoonful salt, milk.

He gives 10 best food recipes. Agar Jelly—Wash 5 parts agar in cold water. Add to it 400 parts of water and boil until clear. Flavor with wine, sugar, lemon peel, coffee, cream or yolk of egg.

Laxative Fruit Cake—Senna leaves, figs, dates, prunes and raisins (the last three all seedless) are mixed in equal parts. Chop fine, mix by kneading, and roll into cylinders as thick as a thumb.

It's False Theory. E. W. writes: "In an old book I have read that if pregnant women regulate their diet to exclude food containing the elements that go to make the bones hard, much of the pain and danger of childbirth would be eliminated. Is there any truth in this? If there is, what are the foods which contain this element? Would this have any evil effect on the formation of the changed constitution. It is attended to give birth to a subnormal child, no matter how great the ease."

Nothing to it. The bones are rich in lime. The great lime food is milk. Vegetables also are lime foods. The pregnant woman who refrains from eating milk and vegetables is unwise.

Mucous Colitis Explained. Mrs. M. writes: "What is mucous colitis, how does it affect the patient and what is its cause? Is it a dangerous disease?"

Mucous colitis is a chronic condition of the colon, attended by the production of considerable quantities of a mucus which is less moist and more firm than ordinary mucus, and which sometimes forms molds or casts of the tube in which it forms. The disease generally follows protracted constipation. It is attended by worries, introspection, neurasthenia, and by pain when the casts are coming away. It is a very unpleasant but not a dangerous disease.

Depends on Your Taste. Worried writes: "I would like to quit drinking coffee and want a substitute. I have tried postum, but it does not agree with me. I do not like cocoa or tea."

If it is the oil and bitters in coffee which disagree with you take cocoa. If it is the caffeine which is disagreeing with you, take coffee from which the caffeine has been removed. There are such coffees on the market. If you want a hot drink containing no caffeine and none of the coffee oils or bitters, try the various cereal coffees until you find one that pleases you. Choice between them is a matter of taste. All are wholesome.

Give Her Less Fats. Mrs. B. R. G. writes: "What is indicated if a lady's urine has a strong odor of ammonia? She is 10 months old and apparently in the best of health and full of energy. I try to feed her according to your advice to other mothers. When you

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IN THE BEST OF HUMOR. Jones—Brooks is most persistent in looking for trouble. Jones—Yes, that fellow will look for trouble where it has never been lost.—Cartoons Magazine. Lulu—Here's an ad for a man to undertake the sale of a patent medicine. Harry—Yes, it will probably be profitable to the undertaker.—Houston Post. "Clothes do not make the man," remarked the ready-made philosopher. "No," answered the friend who was studying a tailor's bill. "They don't make him. They break him."—Answers London. "What was the matter with that lady who just hurriedly left the stores?" asked the grocer. "She found fault with the potatoes," replied the clerk. "What was the matter with the potato?" "She didn't like the color of their eyes!"—Yonkers Statesman. Attorney—You say these people are affected by the moon? Scribe—Yes, the old man is crazy over moonshine and the daughter becomes ill in the moonlight.—Houston Post.

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"Ghouls" of Business. Pessimism is sometimes practiced professionally. Certain little-minded, short-sighted men make their money by feeding on the carcasses of business they kill through slander and misrepresentation. There are also the poor unfortunate jackals who carry these falsehoods and get great pleasure in reciting the garbled details to others. Stories are current, for instance, that farmers are not going to harvest their corn; also that the farmers are burning it; that the greedy banker is forcing legitimate business to the wall, and they are lies—all of them, and if we would stop to think, we would realize they are just as impossible as they are untrue. The big, splendid banking interests of this country are being wonderfully sane and fair. They are and have been easing this country through the strain incident to this readjustment in a way that is a little short of miraculous. The business that ceases to exist as a result of present readjustment in prices, will no more be missed than the man sobering up after a prolonged debauch, will miss the visions of his drunken imagination. The farmer has prospered, and will continue to prosper. Automobile manufacturers, tire manufacturers, legitimate business of all kinds, will prosper, and will continue to prosper. If you do not believe that conditions are improving, read your newspaper and talk to your banker, and remember that worry kills—work is a life saver. The next man you hear talking pessimism and hard times, interrupt him to inquire what particular business undertaker he is working for. "Life is a mirror—Try smiling at it." L. V. NICHOLAS OIL CO. "Business is Good, Thank You"