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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.

NEBRASKA'S SCHOOL LANDS.

We trust that Land Commissioner Swanson's recommendation that the school lands of the state be sold is rejected by the legislature. When the constitutional convention was in session, The Bee challenged one of the proposed amendments as leading up to the alienation of the school lands; this was indignantly denied by the proponent of the measure, which was adopted by the convention and endorsed by the voters.

A wonderful heritage for the public schools should be preserved. It is true that the remaining area comprises a very large proportion of land that produces so little revenue that it fairly deserves to be called "slacker" land. The state owns almost 700,000 acres of this sort, but it also owns a large amount of really good land, producing considerable revenue.

One part of Mr. Mondell's program is open to question. His suggestion that after July 1 no further attempt be made to reduce the floating debt by other than sinking fund or salvage operations may not prove advantageous. A reduction in taxation secured at the expense of an enormous increase in the funded debt, for that is what this will amount to, enhances the interest charge to such an extent that it becomes unduly burdensome.

Unless Nebraska's experience is to be different in the future, the matter will be perpetually before the legislature in one form or another. The endowment of the common schools of the state should be sacred, but it has been laid open to attack, and only ceaseless vigilance will prevent the remaining desirable acres now owned by the public schools from passing to private owners.

Coolidge in the Cabinet.

A new use for the vice president has been suggested by Calvin Coolidge, who is to assume that office in March. He does not wish to go down through the Harding administration as "Silent Cal," but would like to have a real share in the work, and so tentatively puts forth the proposal that he be made an honorary member of the cabinet.

Mr. Wilson had as little use for a vice president as for a secretary of state, preferring to do all things himself, but Mr. Harding wired Governor Coolidge on election night that a big job awaited them, and "we will tackle it together."

The country paid fairly high for the suspension of the administrative functions during the early weeks of Mr. Wilson's illness, and still gasps when it thinks of the fate of Robert Lansing, whose offense was that he tried to keep things moving until his chief was able to return.

Spain's New Homesteaders.

News that King Alfonso of Spain has decided to parcel out one of the royal estates of 2,500 acres into small farms which will be offered to farm laborers on easy terms follows a period of agitation in which the right of the nobility to withhold land from use or even to exact rent on it has been boldly questioned.

Omaha, is quoted as saying that in America too much land is held by men who live in the cities and do not cultivate it. There undoubtedly has been a great deal of speculation in farm lands, but instances are few where it has been withheld from use as has been the case in European countries.

Reduction in Taxation Possible.

A hopeful note is sounded by Representative Mondell in his discussion of the federal financial program. His expression that taxation may be reduced is given after a careful consideration of all the elements involved.

Mr. Mondell gives as a prime reason for expecting lower taxes that a huge floating debt may be wiped out. This now amounts to more than \$2,300,000,000. A portion of it is a heritage from those good old pre-war days, when the democratic administration was piling up a deficit of more than a million dollars a day in the ordinary operations of the government.

Payment into the Treasury of suspended taxes amounting to fully a billion dollars will extinguish a considerable portion of the floating debt; the rest is to be cared for by savings to be accomplished through reduced appropriations and better management of government business.

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President Wilson saw fit in his recent message to congress to recommend the award of independence of the people of the Philippines, but it would seem from the remarks of Senator Santos in the island legislature that somewhat yet must be done before recognition of the right of self-government can be expected.

Yet this is not the first time that trousers have been intimately connected with democracy. Back in the days of the French revolution, the nobles in their knee breeches scorned the trousers which were worn by the radicals and referred to the movement as that of sansculottes, which is to say, men without breeches.

Notes That Pass Between Governors. Something of a mystery surrounds a missive received by the governor of Kansas, said to have come from the governor of North Dakota. One says he received it, the other that he did not send it.

THE COMPOSITOR'S DIFFICULTY WITH THE NAME "Admirable Crichton" reminds us of the witness in the Admiralty Court, in London, who, taking up the printed oath, began: "I swear by the Admiralty God."

STICKLING, ONCE MORE FOR CONVENTION. (From the Oak Parker.) For rent—Furnished front room; warm and sunny; twin beds; new house; near Metropolitan "L"; to persons engaged; references. Call after 4 p. m.

Prussia does not propose to waste time arguing over the price of wheat. Instead of regulating the government will seize and sell the crop.

The oil melon recently cut by the Southern Pacific did not grow on irrigated ground.

A Line O' Type or Two

NO! No, pardon me if I refuse To ham and eggs to train my Muse. She is a dainty dame who feeds On balsam leaf and primrose seeds.

FOR an unaccountable reason the public has as much sympathy for a janitor as for a manning shank; and yet there is no more useful member of society than the merry janitor. There is no explaining indifference to the sort.

THE NEW SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY. (From the Boston Herald.) Mr. Robert Dudley Longyear of Brookline called on the Lapland for London Dec. 4, where he will take up advanced studies in diplomacy and voice training.

CONSTANTINE'S attachment for the Greeks is as affecting as that of Mrs. Micawber for her leige. Desertion is unthinkable. A Guess at Our Author. Sir: From time to time since I took up writing I have sent you first (and only) edition copies of my complete works to date, unaware that I was leading you into temptation.

THAT OISEAU WROTE ONLY ONE BOOK. Sir: Let me be the first to guess the author of your first edition: Joe Miller. R. H. H. AND now, as an assistant thoughtfully reminds, is the time for Charles B. Munday, following the example of his esteemed contemporary, Mr. Poni, to pen a message for the press: "Straight gloria Munday!"

THANKS TO fifteen or twenty observant travelers for the info that the manager of the drug department of the Alexander Drug Co. in Omaha is George Salzinger.

LA VIE LITTERAIRE. Sir: Perhaps, as Voltaire remarked, a literary man leads an agreeable life only after he is dead. but—I hate this "but," it doth ally the good but—and rewards with equal thanks. Tonight, with nerves reduced to a packet of spilkings by the latest number of the more trifling magazine, I walked with those whom Dante describes as having sought to make themselves perfect by the worship of Beauty.

READING the news from Erin, we find our self wondering whether anything has happened to our Distinguished Immortal, Mr. Phipps Doobeg of Bunninadden.

SMALL TOWN STUFF. (From the Warrensburg, Ill., Times.) Dr. Chalcraft, our new veterinarian, was called to the Times Place late one evening last week on account of the sudden illness of our horse "Billy," who was suffering with a severe attack of indigestion.

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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 Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped address envelope is enclosed.

HOW TO CURE THE ITCH. "Will you kindly outline the best and most positive cure," it is written, "for seven-year itch?" It is the same as the so-called "French itch" so many of us suffered from in France?

IT is contagious. A parasite which burrows in the skin is the cause. The name "seven-year itch" was given it because along about civil war time not much was known about getting rid of it and a seven years' siege was not unheard of.

ONWARD AND UPWARD MEN OF OMAHA MEET Dr. John Clemens AT THE Y. M. C. A. Sunday, 3:30 He Will Talk to MEN ONLY Dan Jensen Will Sing

Better Be Examined. E. J. K. writes: "About a week ago I expected a small quantity of blood. As I have a bad cold I thought no more about it, but since then numerous people have told me that any one who spits blood has t. b. Is this true? What are the signs of t. b.?"

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The Bee's Letter Box

Safety Headlights. Blair, Neb., Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your editorial in The Bee of December 14, you gave facts and figures regarding automobile accidents.

Only Indirect Benefit. Worried Subscriber writes: "Are there any benefits to be derived from the clipping, shingling, or bobbing of the hair or of shaving the scalp to promote growth or prevent the falling out of hair? At what age does such hair cutting cease to be a benefit?"

REPLY. No. Except as it makes it easier to treat the scalp and to keep it clean.

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