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The Bee's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station.

- Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pave-ment of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
- Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

NEBRASKA'S SCHOOL LANDS.

We trust that Land Commissioner Swansoh's ecommendation 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. Now, at the earliest possible moment, the legislature is to be approached to pass the needed law that the lands held by the state in trust for the schools of the state be transferred to private ownership.

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. This land is continually increasing in value, and it would seem quite as wise for the state to hold it and receive directly the benefit of the unearned increment, the usufruct arising from the growth of the state, as to permit it to pass to private ownership and allow the advantage to go with it. The public schools must have support. If

would return as much in taxes as it does in rents. Were the \$26,000,000 Commissioner Swanson sets as his estimate on the value of the school lands turned over to the treasurer. he would have to invest it and it is uncertain whether he could secure income equal to that now receiied in rents.

Unless Nebraska's experience is to be different in the future, the matter will be perpetually before the legislature in one from or another. The endowment of the c

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. The problem of tenantry is quite apart from that facing the people of Spain, but only so long as it remains financially possible for tenants to keep the land in use instead of allowing it to lie idle.

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. As floor leader of the republican majority in the house, Mr. Mondell is required to study the problem of ways and means as carefully, perhaps, as the chairman of that committee, and therefore his word is entitled to some weight.

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 gyoernment. Whether Mr. Mondell is correct in his conclusion that this floating debt should have been cared for in the Victory note issue is not immediately vital. That course would have saved a considerable sum of money in the form of reduced interest charges just now, but this might have been offset by the future charges certain to follow the contemplated extension of the debt by refunding. Conditions have been such that the Treasury has been compelled to resort to continuous borrowing, a pyramiding of short time certificates, which now have become a real burden. Happily, some

relief is in sight. 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. Estimates sent in by the departments of the government will be closely examined, and certainly will be pruned to the safety line. Cheeseparing is neither desirable nor expected, but prudence demands that extravagance be checked.

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 the land were sold, we may well doubt if it that is what this will amount to, enhances the interest charge to such an extent that it becomes unduly burdensome. We are inclined to think, that sound finance will determine that the floating indebtedness be cleared away as speedily as possible, that the future may hold a clearer outlook. Reduction in the tax rate is eagerly sought, but may be purchased too dearly.

Trousers and Democracy.

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. He introduces a bill providing that all males in the Philippines shall wear trousers or suffer imprisonment for five years. The severity of his measure is mitigated by the provision that the government buy 500,000 trousers and thus en-

THE BEE: OMAHA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1920.

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

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,-

And her delirious drink she sips From the wild fennel's amber lips.

If sandalwood she will not love, Will ironstone more favored prove?

Feed if you must this mortal Me. But let my shuddering Muse go free.

TESSICA. FOR an unaccountable reason the public has as much sympathy for a janitor as for a man-eating shark; and yet there is no more useful

member of society than the merry janitor. There is no explaining indifferences of this sort. THE NEW SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY.

(From the Boston, Herald.)

Mr. Robert Dudley Longyear of Brookline sailed on the Lapland for London Dec. 4, where he will take up advanced studies diplomacy and voice training.

THERE is too much useless verbiage in the League; that is Senator McCormick's sound criticism. Contrast with the League our Con-ressional Record, the verbiage of which is useful for kindling a fire in the furnace.

SPEAKING OF VERBIAGE-

Sir: In the case of Commonwealth v. Nicker son, 128 N. E. 284, Chief Justice Rugg of the Massachusetts Supreme Court dispenses the fol-lowing: "The evidence was that liquor sold by the defendant was whisky. As matter of com-mon knowledge that is intoxicating liquor." BOTULINUS.

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.

A Guess at our Author. Sir: From time to time since I took up writ-ing I have sent you first (and only) edition copies of my complete works to date, unaware that I was leading you into temptation. While I regret any weakening of the will on your part, I am congratulating myself nevertheless on hav-ing been the first author to demolish your prejudice, and am duly grateful for your recog-nition, though it comes tardily. Anticipating the bot flush of eagerness that will mantle your hot flush of eagerness that will mantle your lineaments, I beg to announce that I am just lineaments, I beg to announce that I am just beginning a new opus (subject a little hazy as yet), inspired by your confession. Copy No. 1 shall go to you as usual, autographed with my bank signature, which, being illegible, will en-able you still to keep your clientele guessing as to the identity of your successful tempter. P SCRIBBLES WROTT.

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 re-minds, is the time for Charles B. Munday, fol-lowing the example of his esteemed contemporary, Mr. Ponzi, to pencil a message for the press: "Sic transit gloria Munday!"

WHAT EVERY WOMAN OUGHT TO KNOW.

(From the Davenport Democrat and Leader.) Rev. Mr. Rowlands gave his address fol-

lowing the supper hour, and about 75 women of the congregation were present to the the subject was: "The Kind of Service Men Can Render to the Church and to the World." 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 Salzgiver.

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 allay the good precedence—like Horatio I take fortune's buf. that any one who spits blood has t. b. Is this true? What are the

How to Keep Well The Bee's Sin By DR. W. A. EVANS By DR. W. A. EVANS 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 disgnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

Editor of The Bee: In your editorial in The Bee of December 14. you gave facts and figures regarding automobile accidents, 3.808 persons killed last year, not to mention the Copyright, 1920, by Dr. W. A. Evans.

thousands who sustained more or less scrious injuries. That the num-HOW TO CURE THE ITCH. "Will you kindly outline the best "Will you kindly outline the best and most positive cure," Itch writes, "for 'seven-year itch'? Is it the same safety officials of Omaha are to be commended in their zeal to mini-mize automobile collisions and the as the so-called 'French itch' so many of us suffered from in France? danger to pedestrians. Improve-ment in the headlight of the average Is it contagious in ordinary every-

Is it contagious in the second automobile automobile and a young girl visitor from lessening dangers of night driving in lessening dangers of night driving in lessening dangers of night driving in city or country. There are state as well as city laws against glaring headlights which are constantly beitch.' She became one mass of scratches being in misery all the time.

sumption. Among the symptoms Now our whole family has taken it. cautions. We have tried all sorts of the tion, fever, spitting of blood, loss of tremedies, using mostly sulphur so weight, pallor, fatigability (easily do you think best to do the what tired.) do you think best to do to get rid of it?" **Only Indirect Benefit.**

It is probable that the young lady who visited Mrs. T. and the members

who visited Mrs. T. and the members of Mrs. T.'s family have what is, known as "itch," "seven-year ltch," "wart itch." "camp itch," "French itch," "prairie ftch," and many other to promote growth or prevent the tit?"

> to treat the scalp and to keep it clean.

bored in the skin by the parasites and failure to reckon with the cloth-

method of cure 100 per cent suc-cessful: The subject is stripped of all clothing. He then takes a scrub-bing brush, soap and water, and scrubs himself for half an hour. scrubs

dried. Carbonate of potash 6

The man then puts on a sterilized night shirt and coes to bed. The next morning he washes the cintment off between the fingers and toes. with subbur water. Every stitch of his clothing, underclothing, and, bedding must be heated to 150 de-grees or over. It is not necessary to

Better Be Examined. thought no more about it, but since then numerous people have told me

REPLY

Any one who expectorated blood without knowing the cause should

have the chest examined for con-

signs of t. b.



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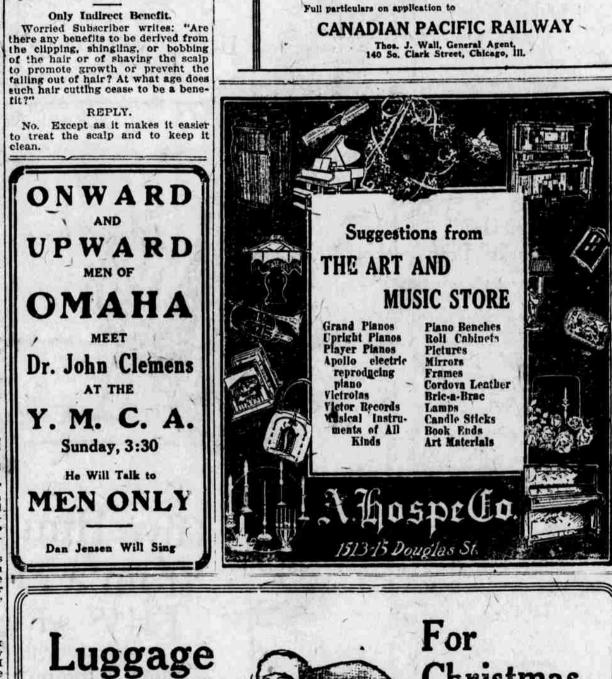
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ing disregarded by the average by adopting such safe headlights driver, yet there are on the market, would avoid many an accident to safe and efficient headlights with a their own car, as well as make drivstrong low-down light for city driv-ing and a powerful upper light for country driving. Automobile owners, AN AUTOMOBILE DRIVER.





Christmas



years' siege was not unheard of.

ing as means of harboring and spreading the disease. The army found the following

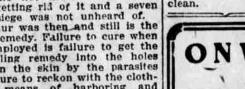
Every scab and orust must be scrubbed off. The scap is washed off with hot water, using a scrub-bing brush to do a good job of washing off the scap. The skin is dried

Triturated camphor

heat as high as the boiling tempera-Cranston says if this method is carried out with perfect attention to detail "jeven-year itch" can be cured in one day. At least 90 per cent of the cases require but one application of sulphur.

B. J. K. writes: "About a week ago I expectorated a small quantity of blood. As I have a bad cold I

ONWARD AND UPWARD



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, while the remnant of the sand hills will eventually be the only reminder of a once princely possession.

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. Good reason supports this idea. Wisdom provided long ago that the president and vice president be of the same political party, in order that harmony might subsist between the two, and that the succession, temporary or permanent, of the one to the office of the other would be accompanied by no disruption of public business incident to violent change in office.

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 to-"gether." If the vice president is given a scat at the cabinet table, it will bring him into real intimacy with the administration of which he is part; he will have a first hand share in the business, and, should another such emergency arise, would possibly be charged with the duty of assembling the cabinet for consideration of public business at a time when the president could not do so.

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. He wsa kicked out of office for so doing, and even a cabinet officer does not relish that. Mr. Harding could scarcely start better on the big job than by asking Mr. Coolidge to sit with the cabinet. This would not only add dignity to the office of vice president, but would equally ensure a needed continuity in the government.

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. A few months ago a delegation of peasants notified the provincial authorities that they intended to seize lands held by the duke of Luna, contending that he was in wrongful possession of them. They argued that the duke's ancestors stole the lands he now is refusing to allow them to cultivate. Several thousand persons who could extract a livelihood from the 25,000 acres of fertile soil in the estate now are forced to emigrate, they declared. The governor, recommending prudence, promised to remain neutral in the dispute, which indicates the strength of the public sentiment. which now appears to be met by the king's decision to open up some of his own preserves to the people.

A representative of the Chamber of Commerce, speaking before the Farmers' Congress in Pacific did not grow on irrigated ground,

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able the people of the hills to dress themselves. "The appearance of half-naked pagans is most shameful exhibition, and is capitalized by the opponents of Philippine independence as demonstrating the incapacity of the Filipinos for self-government," the senator explains. But with our wiser experience in styles, notably in women's dress, Americans probably have not felt that the presence of a small minority of gentlemen clad in g-strings reflected at all on the more conventionalized sections of the population

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. Trousers won the decision then, and trousers eventually will no doubt win over the heat and custom that has induced the Filipinos of the more primitive communities to cling to their own particular style.

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. That provides a scenario that is intriguing to say the least. It might be, you know, that someone not inspired with a spirit of brotherly love that leads to harmony, but rather actuated by a mischievous desire to see what would happen, is making of the two executives something of a dual butt for his conception of fun. As yet the affair has taken on no serious aspect, and we trust it will not do so. The comity that subsists between states was well expressed by the historic communication of the governor of North Carolina to the governor of South Carolina. With that eminent precedent, and nothing in the

annals of chivalry surpasses it as an expression of courtesy and kindliness, we trust that our neighbors to the north and to the south will be able to maintain the delightful intercourse that heretofore has marked their respective dealings one with the other. Nebraska is concerned, but not apprehensive, being in the line of fire should hostilities open. Probably before the cannonading begins our own governor may interpose, and by his matchless tact and inimitable diplomacy restore good feeling between Governors Allen and Frazier. Let us hope.

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 injunction, "Let there be light," unforunately did not contain a specification of rates.

Did you notice that the prohibitory law did not have the predicted effect on immigration?

The oil melon recently cut by the Southern

fets and rewards with equal thanks. Tonight, with nerves reduced to a packet of splikins by the latest number of ______, a triffe more assomant than usual, seeking the sensuous shining faith of the idea, as Hegel calls the Beantiful (ever have I walked with those whom Dante describes as having sought to make themselves descripes as having sought to make themselves perfect by the worship of Beauty). I turned to the rural correspondence of the Wellington, O., Enterprise and learned that— "Clarence Cooley and Evelyn Peck, bride and

groom, are enjoying a western trip. Later, they settle household penates here, where the groom has a cage ready."

has a cage ready." And then, although I know nothing of science —I don't even teach it—my eye caught: "Marriage Intentions—Albert William Bug and Flora Florida Plante."

Mr. Edmund Gosse tells us that it is the business of literature to turn events into ideas, business of literature to turn events into ideas, and so, for a while I pondered. "Scholarly per-sons," writes Dr. Brett-Smith, "living in aca-demic celibacy, have often a singular taste for the manners of low life, and find in the crude humor of the rustic a diversion from the niceties of classical culture." So long have I dwelt con-tentedly in the House of Rimmon, learning to repeat with marked fluency the customary formular and shibboleths, that all too readily do I set up my glad Ebenezer. However, with Signor

I set up my glad Ebenezer. However, with Signor Goldoni: Me Volla joyeux comme Arlequin." P. D. S.

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

SMALL TOWN STUFF.

(From the Warrensburg, 111., 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. He was faithful in his attendance and gave good serv-ice, so "Billy" came out all right, and was soon ready for work again, and bright as a dollar!

THE compositor's difficulty with the name Admirable Crichton" reminds us of the witness in the Admiralty Court, in London, who, tak-

Scasonable Reminder. Sir: For months past nearly everybody who writes has, at some time or other, deemed him-self called on to take a shot at the country's best known bull's-eye—Postmaster General Burleson. In view of the widespread target practice, might it not be a good idea to recall, particularly at this season, that the same Burle-son has for a number of years instructed the postmasters of the country to sort out and turn over to benevolent organizations the letters to Santa Claus written by tots, thousands of whom, but for the Postmaster General's thoughtfulness, would have spent a cheerless Christmas, wonderwould have spent a cheerless Christmas, wonder-ing what possibly could have happened to the Reindeer Express? J. J. C.

"DEAR Member," begins a chirpy secretary of the Security Benefit Association, "we do not recall seeing you at any of our meetings lately, and in case of death it would be a hard matter to identify your remains."

STICKLING, ONCE MORE FOR CONVENTION. (From the Oak Parker.)

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Classical Who's Who.

Who was that curious gink of old Who always wanted to be told? Whose shibboleth was, "Answer please"? Well, "Meet my pal, Old Socrates." E. B. B. "CORK Conflagration Adds Oil to Troubled Vaters In Ireland."-Sheboygan Press.

PROGRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA. Sir: When I was in Tryon last week I heard one citizen say to another: "Wal/I hear Bill's havin' a self-stafter put on his Ford. I s'pose next thing he'll be takin' up golf." W. S. "PRICES Nearing Bottom Level, Says Ex-pert." IN the stock market, yes. B. L. T.

Now for Some Good Reading!

Parties who have missed the dear old Congressional Record will soon be in a position to take the great family journal home with them and sit up until all hours reading it.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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