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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pave-ment 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.

GOVERNOR M'KELVIE'S MESSAGE.

Admonishing the legislature against too much lawmaking, which advice deserves approval as sound, the governor in his message suggests a considerable number of changes in existing laws. These recommendations, he says, are based on experience of result from consultations held with the representatives of various groups or organizations. Many of these look to the modification of existing statutes and are of a nature that will permit the postponement of debate with relation to them.

- Complete revision of the tax laws is necessary, the governor says, but he prudently recommends that it be not undertaken at the present session. He asks that the tax commissioner, provided for by the new constitution, be clothed with power of sufficient scope to "not only enforce the tax laws and get the maximum amount of taxable property upon the assessment rolls, but to gather during the present biennium the information that will enable a thoroughly wise and complete revision of tax laws at the next general session of the legislature." The wisdom of this recommendation will be found in the latter clause. This will be appreciated when read in connection with the following paragraph of the message, which deals with the taxation of intangibles.

Changes in the law governing pareles suggested by the governor would exclude from parolable offenses all crimes against the person. Parole should be denied to all except first offenders. Judges should be given discretion between determinate and indeterminate sentences, and the consent of the trial judge and prosecuting attorney should be given in writing before an application for parole can be considered by the board. Hearings should be in public, and a record kept. These provisions will, we think, do away with much of the clamor that has been raised against the existing law on account of the practices that have grown up under it. The governor goes pretty far, however, in suggesting that it be made a felony to approach a member or an employe of the board with reference to a pardon or parole, save at a public meeting of the board. Communications of this kind may be perfectly legitimate, and such should not be forbidden; the members of the board should know how to protect themselves from the other kind. So, too, is the added suggestion that a heavy penalty be prescribed for any newspaper publishing a "misleading statement regarding the acts of public officials in the administration of this law." Nebraska's libel laws at present afford ample protection,

and the official action finally speaks for itself. Nor does the wisdom of the governor shine the brightest in his proposal that the remaining public school lands of the state be sold and the proceeds put into a fund from which to loan soldiers money to build homes. If Nebraska is to make any provision for the benefit of the service men, it should not be at the expense of the public school endowment. Many recommendations for changes in the law to benefit the allied agricultural interests of the state are made, and these will certainly get the attention of the lawmakers.

Governor McKelvie also very properly asks that the "blue sky" law be overhauled in some regards, to give it better effect. In relation to the primary law, he recommends adoption of a pre-primary convention, with a free-for-all, field-against-the-convention-choice primary afterwards, or an out and out elimination primary, from which two names will emerge to be later voted on at the nomination primary. Either of these, he feels, will do away with much of the present complaint, and will preserve party organ-Ization and responsibility from the attacks now being made by the minority groups. "It is no longer wise to follow the politically expedient course of avoiding this issue," he says, and perhaps another attempt to improve the primary will follow. Something should be done with the law, either following the governor's suggestion, or by strengthening its provisions to make it more effective.

Govern Yourselves Accordingly.

Out of the mists of Sparticism, bolshevism, nilitarism and other fog-breeding isms that hover over Berlin, rises the commanding form of a secress. Baroness Irma von Boburg, who admits that she is successor to Madame de Thebes, late of Paris and now of the hereafter, has been seeing things, some of which affect America. She sees the Statue of Liberty surrounded by brown men, with a great rope stretched across the harbor. This she is inclined to interpret as a forecast of a Japanese invasion. She also sees a lot of secret societies meeting, and has a vision of a council somewhere in Japan, the outcome of which is very disconcerting for its central figure. He is cut off suddenly by the blow of a sword. These portents are given us free of charge, along with a caution to look out.

Of course, all America will be grateful to the dear baroness, and will proceed accordingly. It might be suggested that her vision of brown men around the Statue of Liberty can be observed almost any day. She has probably glimpsed a view of guard mount or dress parade on Governor's Island, or maybe has seen a flock of stevedores going by on some of the big freight harges. As to the picture of the convocation in

Japan, no one on this side is very apt to become

Also, the baroness will find Americans prone to overlook notices. They are accustomed to hearing predictions from able prophets closer home, and to turning deaf ears to jeremiads as well as warnings. When the little brown brothers begin to blockade the port of New York and to pull down what some irreverent writer recently referred to as the "heavy figure of a German hausfrau," a reception committee will be arranged for.

Warriors for Peace.

In a speech to 1,000 prominent men and women at the \$1,000-a-plate dinner of the Europear-Relief Council at the Hotel Commodore, last week, Gen. Pershing said amid great ap-

As we contemplate the causes of the World War and realize its horrors, every right think-ing man and woman must feel like demanding that some steps be taken to prevent its recurrence. An important step would be to curtail expenditures for the maintenance of navies and

Disarmament and pacifism, twin theories that some claimed were utterly destroyed by the world war, are today finding strange advocates. In those ante-bellum days, women's clubs, college professors, ministers, and all those frankly admitting themselves to be idealists, were hard at work for world peace, but today it is those who lay claim to hard-headed practicality that have taken up the cause.

Here is a British naval expert and member of Parliament, Lieut, Commander J. M. Kenworthy, who issues this New Year message:

The best thing that could possibly happen to the world is this: At a certain hour on a certain day and a certain month, to be arranged, every ship of war belonging to every nation should be taken into deep water and sunk with a pre-arranged ceremony, officers of the navies of all nations being liberally pensioned, their pensions depending on their not agitating for more warships.

No American in public life has gone so far in his recommendations, although a resolution now before the senate looks toward a gradual scaling down of armament. What the British naval officer has proposed at sea is paralleled by the proposal recently made by Gen. Tasker H. Bliss in an address at Philadelphia in which he explained why, as a professional soldier, he disliked war, and dwelt on the wastage of life and property due to militarism. He would have the United States say to the League of Nations:

We will agree with you that each nation that so desires shall keep and build whatever frontler and coast fortifications it wishes. Fortifications cannot stride across the earth devas-

tating fields and destroying cities. We will agree with you that each nation may maintain its navy. No navy without an army can conquer and hold foreign territory. We will agree with you on a date when we shall simultaneously abolish any military system which is solely necessary for inter-

We will agree with you on a date, as remote as the existing conditions make absolutely necessary, when we shall begin the gradual reduction of our armed forces until they are at the limit necessary for the maintenance of internal order. In coming to an agreement about this we will accept any reasonably just principle of proportion, provided it results in a reasonable and material reduction, but admitting in advance that reduced armaments can no more be equalized than excessive ones. We will trust to the ultimate good sense of the common peoples of the nations, who suffer most from excessive armaments, to see to it that when the rapidly as may be to its proper limit

We will agree with you on the proper amounts of material to be kept on hand for the reduced forces. And we will further agree with you to cease the manufacture of material until the amounts now on hand are reduced to what we agree upon as necessary for the reduced force.

War, says this veteran, cannot be regulated by any tribunal, and in the late conflict practically every rule of civilized warfare was broken by both sides. He believes also that the use of force between nations cannot be abolished or materially postponed while armaments continue

Those who are surprised to hear a military leader argue against the institution of war might recall the words of General Sherman, and then listen to the genuine sentiment expressed by many soldiers who served bravely overseas. Hardheaded international business men, soldiers, sailors and statesmen show signs of uniting in this movement for the reduction of armament, both on the count of expense and danger, and the idea may gain in favor until it far outshadows the question of the League of Nations, which relies on force for its operation and has as yet made no advance toward lightening the burden of armament.

Banks Doing Their Share.

Statements of the Omaha banks showing condition at the close of business on December 29 afford conclusive proof that money is not so "tight" as some would think. The totals show a decrease of \$32,000,000 in deposits and only \$16,000,000 in toans as compared with the same day in 1919. This is encouraging from the borrower's side, but the proportion between loans and deposits is even more significant. In 1919 the total deposits were \$127,330,224 and total loans \$107,571,931; in 1920 the totals were \$95,692,123 and \$91,637,546 respectively. This shows that while the banks held almost \$20,000,-000 more of deposits than loans on December 29, 1919, a year later the spread was but \$4,000,-000. Reduction of idle money by 80 per cent in the year surely does not indicate a disposition on part of the banks to restrict borrowers unnecessarily. On the other hand, the falling off in deposits does suggest a reason why some accommodation may have been declined. With \$32,000,000 less on hand, it hardly is to be expected that the banks would greatly increase the loans carried. It is likely that never in the history of Omaha banks has so great a proportion of their deposits been actually employed. Money is at work, and credit is getting stronger all the time, but "cats and dogs" do not get much attention.

Lord Mayor O'Callaghan's entrance to the United States may remind some folks of the way Tom and Huck rescued the "nigger" from the smokehouse

Congress is going after the payroll in a fashion that indicates a reduction in the population figures of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Harding probably will remember the day he rode the goat twenty-nine times.

Bids for paving county roads may now come on a new basis.

Kentucky tobacco growers were always im-

So long, Jerry; hurry back,

A Line O'Type or Two

A NEW YEAR GREETING.

Despite the fact That murky clouds Are hovering ominously On all horizons, And long-haired gents With dirty fingernails Argue Internationalism Over poor food In smelly restaurants, Of civilization-

And gibe at Christ And Capital and Marriage And other fundamentals still believe in Soap and hot water. The Republican Party. Fat babies, privately reared, The purgative qualities of castor oil.

And the rule of A well directed majority. And in closing heartily endorse Of that malefactor of great wealth, The elder Morgan,

Who said: "Any man Who sells the United States short

Is a damned fool." FEW changes inside the White House are ontemplated. Mr. Borah wishes some of the wallpaper changed, and Mr. Johnson has sug-gested certain rearrangements of furniture; but otherwise things will be kept pretty much as 1300, when Eddowes wrote about r they are.

THE OPEN SEASON ON LANDLORDS.

Sir: I met a friend some years ago in Dublin.

was carrying a brace of snipe. "That's all the the same kind of eyes, and likewise had brittle bones.

The open season on Landlords.

Some one has said that blue selerotics is the best of positive signs because the deafness does not develop until 30 years, and, though He was carrying a brace of snipe. rint I can git out of me tenants in the west," sez he. "And why," sez I, "don't you go down there and collecte" "Do you think," sez he, "that the divil that hit those flyin' would miss the traced the combination for five gen-

THERE is plenty of opera of great interest and beauty, and if the giving of opera were of them had the combination. They considered primarily from the music viewpoint say that in a family where this we should have a chance to hear it; as it is we combination is running it affects 82 might as well live in the South Sea islands. per cent of the females and 44 per Opera is the only branch of music which, in its cent of the males, highest and newest manifestations is not accessions which are somewhere along in that period ighest and newest manifestations, is not accessible to Americans of cultivated taste.

AH THERE, BEN FRANKLIN! (From the Buffalo, Ill., Register.) We found a handkerchief plainly marked "B. F." in our chicken yard the other morning. We dare "B. F." to claim it. And if "B. F." comes snooping around again he may loose something nearer and dearer to him than a pocket handkerchief. John H. Edwards,

MR. SLASON THOMPSON is learning via Vox Pop, that there are left-handed wodchoppers. We have a picture in memory of
Tawab, the Indian, with one foot on the bow of
a canoe and the other on a log, chopping through
a barrier in the stream. He chopped both right
and left, but whether he shifted his hands or
maintained a right-hand golf grip throughout,
we do not recall

from brittle bones, seven had
otosclerosis and deafness. The deafness does not come on until 30
years of age and after.

In a study made by two Hollanders they found one family of blue
sclerotic people, of whom 11 were
deaf and 10 had brittle bones. In
a second family they found three we do not recall.

The Flavor Lasts.

Sir: Up in Wisconsin there was a skunk farm adjoining the railroad right of way, where thou sands of the pretty little creatures were raised for their skins. On this particular night a large number of them, escaping through a break in the enclosure, started on a moonlight pilgrim-age down the railroad track. When, a short time later, the express bore down on them, they bravely stood their ground, and, although many were killed, registered a unanimous and vigous protest. It being summer time, the car windows were all open, and the awakened passengers emerged from their berths gasping for breath. At the next stop, a division point, even the car inspectors fled precipitately, and had to be coerced into performing their duties; and at each station thereafter, every one in sight suddenly had business elsewhere the minute the train OLD TIMER.

APPARENTLY everybody in town read that personal asking for "information leading to the whereabouts of Jaques Seigneur, Frenchman, who died in 1879," and many ouija boards were dusted off and put in service again

EVERYTHING WAS LOVELY. (From the Warren Sentinel-Leader.)

A Christmas golden wedding was cele-brated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Singer, when the children and grandchildren gathered at their home and brought good things to eat and a lovely dinner was served. Mrs. Mable Klippinger of Freeport served. Mrs. Mable Klippinger of Freeport made a lovely cake, and Mrs. McNett brought a beautiful white cake. They received many lovely presents, and Harry C. Puckett and wife of Seattle. Wash., sent a beautiful box of roses and green leaves for decorations, and Will McNett brought a lovely box of candy.

PEOPLE were interested in the motions of neavenly and terrestrial bodies two centuries ago but there was no means of communicating information to them, as there were no swiftly moving railway trains to employ as illustrations.

People Hate to Change.

Sir: While ringing out the old ones, it chanced to occur to me to advise you that in luba it is the custom among the inland and outof the way towns to drive the goat around to the households. The milk man advises the huosehold that he and his goods have arrived and the housewife promptly brings out the baby and hitches it onto the goat and in this way no middle man enters into the deal. Milking machines, cans, bottles or containers, delivery wagons, dirty feet in the kitchen or the back porch, frozen milk, split ditto, sour ditto, watered ditto, and other kindred accessories of the milk business are done away with. Would it be asking too much to have you sponsor a movement designed to introduce this most excellent system in our midst? Sorry. Was afraid it hight HAVANA DE CUBANOLA.

IF-England were to stop muddling and Ire land stop hating for twenty-four hours, they might come to an understanding. Likewise, any one of the large nations were to take chance and disarm the rest might speedily fol-

BACK TO NORMAL.

Sir: Mr. Emil Cotton, of Room 4, Snell Hall, U. of C., is addicted to the old-fashioned, open face cotton night shirt. Inasmuch as college students are the barometers of the country' styles, may not this innovation on the part of a w. k. campus leader be taken as a forerunner of the return of the g. o. d. before the advent of the bedroom drama.

AN Escanaba restaurant man admits that h appeases the appetite of the most fastidious in such a way as to leave a return taste in their mouths throughout the year.'

CLASSICAL WHO'S WHO. Before the Trib. had made 'em wise

That money lay in smiles and beamin', Who earned that fifty dollar prize? "Twas Baucis dear and good Philemon. What stubborn kid, in days of old, Would drive his father's car of gold, Was shy in weight by, say a ton, So couldn't hold her? Phaeton.

ABD-EL-KADER. MR. SANTEE of Wapwallopen, Pa., Harvard freshman, aged 13, says that girls play too large a part in college life. Oh, Skinnay!

SOLES AND SOULS. (From the Carbondale Free Press.)

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"WOMAN May Set In New Cabinet."-Kalama zoogazette. Can you get a cackle out of that?

HAVE you remarked how affable the coal en are?

How Harding Saw Shakespeare.

President-elect Harding is a devotee of Shakes-When Barrett played Julius Caesar at Cleveland young Harding scraped together every nickel to pay the fare from Marion and to pay for a gallery seat. He bought a bun and a dingy lodging and a friendly conductor gave him a free ride to Marion.—Boston Post

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 diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee. Copyright, 1920, by Dr. W. A. Evans

BEWARE BLUE-WHITE EYES. Until yesterday I had never heard that when you see a person the whites of whose eyes have a distinctly bluish cast you may expect his bones to break under slight just 80 years behind the times. The condition was first described

Ammon in 1841. I have noticed that teeth with a bluish cast, a kind of bluish porcelain white, are very brittle, and chip off very easily; on the other hand, that nuts could be cracked safely by jaws of persons having yellowish teeth.

But how many blue scleortic peoknow. In the language of Amelie Rives, who had Herod exclaim relative to Marianne—"I have missed one kiss for all eternity."

After Ammon wrote about this in 1841 not much about it was added

girl with blue eye whites who had 10 Here were three links—inherithe bones may be tance, blue eye whites, and brittle not have broken. traced the combination for five gen-erations. They examined 55 mem-bers of this family, and found 31

somebody added a fourth charac-teristic—to-wit, shortness of stature. Then came Bronson, and added a fifth-otosclerosis, causing deafness, patient is 50 years or over. which develops at about 30 years

Bronson studied the condition in R. F. F. writes: "In your recent several families, one of which was article entitled 'The Deepest Sleep,' his own. In one family he studied you asked if any reader ever has

second family they found three deaf members. To this combination some one has

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Oxford, Neb., Jan. 3 .- To the Ed itor of The Bee: It would seem that with our many national troubles congressmen could employ all their statesmanship and energy in safeguarding and improving the interests of our own country rather than intermeddling with the business and social troubles of Great Britain. Farmers who borrowed money for seed and equipment when prices with bankruptcy from paralyzed diers are caught with this class, evaded service filling jobs that by moral right should be theirs. Our immigration laws need immediate A wave of crime is upon us that bids fair to destroy the con-

dition seems so well established that its eugenic laws have been worked out. The condition is inple I have overlooked I will never herited only through the affected members. Unaffected members of an unaffected family do not transmit it. Male children of unaffected

females do not develop the combina-Bateson characterizes this tion. type of inheritance as Knight's move. to the sum total of information until which term chess players will under-Some one has said that blue

Boys, look out for the blue sclerotic girls!

There is Danger. Mrs. L. S. writes: "Is it dangerous o remove the tonsils of a woman sore throat as far down as the larnyx, pains continually in back

There is always some danger in removing tonsils. The danger is no greater than the average when the

Had Early Nightmare.

34 persons belonging to four generations. Twenty-one had gray-blue night. I can say that I have. I was eye whites (scleras), 20 suffered about 18, and was living in a section brittle bones, seven had tion in which there was malaria. I

Nor in a Bureau Drawer.

To this combination some one has added a sixth, but less important have a place in the cabinet, though quality, to-wit—tendency to develop we trust it will not be on the top under slight provocation. The con-shelf.—Columbia Record, Dem.

How to Keep Well The Bee's 10 37

fidence of our best citizens in the of our negroes that they are being efficacy of our government. Taxes discriminated against, disfranchised are becoming back breaking while and that many of their race have government extravagance runs riot been hung or burnt at the stake we find that 55,000 unnecessary employes still in Washington holding our own government the need of a ployes still in Washington holding down jobs they fell into during the war, and they are making good in chanting "more pay, less hours and service pensions." One would suppose this would keep congressmen busy; yet we find some imbued with the idea that they were elected to in. the idea that they were elected to in- governments and re-write the map vestigate the British government and of the world. Congressmen who settle the Irish question. Would we abuse the prestige of their office to enjoy or even tolerate an investigation by England of the right of the tions are just as far wrong as he and Philippines to independence? Would are not giving their best service to their own government.

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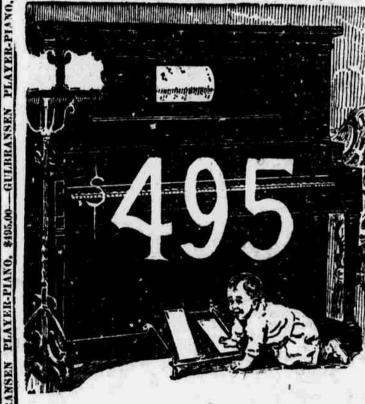
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