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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.

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT.

One of the really important things the present legislature will be required to do is to readjust the legislative districts of the state. This will be necessary for two reasons. First, a considerable shift in population has taken place since the last apportionment was made, and a better adjustment is demanded for this reason, Certain counties in the state have lost while others have gained in numbers, and if the legislature is to remain on a representative basis, this fact must have full weight in determining the distribution of its membership. No sectional consideration should enter into this. Douglas county is concerned, because of an increase in population of more than 21 per cent. Cheyenne, Scottsbluff and other counties are similarly interested. These claims should get due attention from the legislature.

One of the recently adopted constitutional amendments provides for the election of members of the legislature from districts, and not at large from counties like Douglas and Lancaster, entitled to more than one representative or senator. This will entail a delicate bit of work for the committee. The task should not be so very difficult of accomplishment, if only the element of population and its proper division into districts is concerned. What is true of this applies also to the rest of the state.

The temptation to play politics, though, is always present, and in the dear old days it was generally a controlling factor. Happily, Nebraska is not divided so as to justify a resort to the favorite practice of old-timers, that of a gerrymander, whereby monkey wrench, shoe-string and other malformed districts were created. Just a little common sense and a disposition to be fair will solve this problem.

Why Not Use the Wool?

A Washington wool man says that 5,000,000 pounds of wool is held in storage in the northsome specific reason exists for this, but it is not disclosed. The one thing that the people are aware of is the difficulty of getting good woolen products. The Capper "truth-in-fabric" bill is aimed to do away with the masquerading of shoddy as the pure wool it sets up to be.

As a matter of solemn fact, no very good reason for the substitution has ever existed. Great Britain started the war by commandeering the wool supply, and it was administered by a government agency up to the present year, and some supervision still exists because of the fact that a large surplus of wool and woolen products was found on hand when the war closed. In order to stabilize prices and prevent a too sudden break in the market, the control was extended, but there never was a time when woolen garments could not be obtained in the British empire. When the United States went into the war our government took over the wool, that the army might have a proper supply, but it was developed that far more wool than was needed could be

However, the public was soon apprised of the fact that a "shortage" required the substitution of shoddy for the pure wool, and has been getting it ever since. In the meantime the flockmasters have watched the price of their product go up and down, and now the Washington wool clip is said to be held with no prospect of sale. A remedy will be found in the resumption of work at the woolen mills and the use of wool in fabrics, the same as in days of yore. No law should be needed to bring this about, but if a law must be passed, the "truth-in-fabric" measure is well designed to achieve the result.

Minneapolis and City Manager.

Up in Minneapolis a movement is under way to improve the city government. There as elsewhere, and in Omaha particularly, too much passing the buck has aroused resentment of the citizens against the existing plan. At a conference last Friday the mayor proposed that steps be taken to remedy the situation by adopting a measure which in its finality is the city manager plan. A mayor and city council is to be elected by the people, the term of office to be two years, and each subject to recall. All executive and administrative power is to be vested in the mayor, who is to be solely responsible for enforcing and administering the laws passed by the council. Whenever he falls down, the dissatisfied voters can remove him from office.

We note no material difference between this and the city manager plan. Authority as well as responsibility is centralized, one man being charged with the management of public affairs. Only thus is it possible to secure the grade of efficiency citizens demand in the running of the public affairs. To argue that such a plan is subversive of liberty or dangerous to any doctrine of democracy is but to beg the question As has been pointed out several times, the government of the United States is framed on exactly that model, and we submit that if the business affairs of 105,000,000 people can be properly conducted under the existing system, those of a community of 200,000 will not seriousle suffer because authority and responsibility are vested in one man who is answerable to the

Talk of autocracy in such a government is merely politician's moonshine. Progress demands that the change be made, and democracy will

suffer nothing when it comes. Only the people probably will be more discriminating in making choice of servants, and very likely will scrutinize more carefully the fitness of the candidates.

An Answer to the "Protocols."

The British government has just appointed Lord Reading, a Jew, to be vicegerent of India. Here is a practical and what should be an effective reply to the "Protocols." Whether these remarkable documents were framed in England or not, it is very certain that they are known there, and that to some extent the anti-Semitic propaganda has been carried on there. It is significant, therefore, that the government should so elevate a Jew. Lord Reading has won to the high place of chancellor of the realm, and now is offered the greatest distinction ever conferred on one of his religion by the empire. The act can be interpreted only as meaning that England does not fear the destruction prophesied in the documents, now generally admitted to be spurious. Nor does it admit that grave danger lies in the supposed aversion of the Mohammedans for one of the Hebrew faith. Lord Reading, should he go to India, will find a serious problem awaiting him, strife aroused by agitators who have appealed to the deep prejudices resting on race and religion, until certain sections of the land fairly seeth with dissension. It is possible that the selection of Lord Reading at this time may prove a perfection of policy, as exhibiting the tolerance of the British government and its disinclination to interfere with religion as such. From another viewpoint, it is interesting to note the elevation of a Jew to the vicegerency that was created by another, Disraeli, who presented Victoria with the diadem of an empress to be added to the crown of a

Dairy Cow the Solution.

It is no new story Prof. Fransden told the farmers at Lincoln. He has been dinging that information into them many years, with a patience that almost equals that of Job. Charts and diagrams, facts and figures, all support his contention that a good diary cow, properly attended, is the most prolific money producer a farmer can have about the place. Tradition, however, is hard to break through, and the history of agriculture in this state is corn and hogs in endless and more or less profitable succession. Nebraska has all the natural advantages required for leadership in the dairy industry. Its climate is far more favorable than that either of Wisconsin or Minnesota, yet both these states rank far ahead of this as producers of butter, cheese and milk. With less area available for farming purposes, they surpass Nebraska greatly in population, although not in per capita wealth. These things are factors in the progress of the state, and deserve consideration. A successful dairy farm may be operated on a much smaller tract than is required for the more extensive operations of grain raising on a profitable scale, but the return per acre will be greatly enhanced because of the more intensified use of the ground. Experiments and experience as well are in favor of the cow, and some day the Nebraska farmer will awaken to the fact that he is neglecting a real opportunity while following the major line to which he is now devoted. Prof. Fransden's seed will take root some time, and then the world will see a new leader in dairy food pro-

Cuba at Boiling Point.

Affairs in Cuba have reached such a stage of disturbance that the president has felt constrained to dispatch General Crowder with a view to bringing something like order into the life of the island. Generally speaking, the trouble arises from the fact that its financial system suffers from the sugar spree. Planters and bankers were united in a grand effort to hold up the world on the price of raw sugar, and succeeded for a time in doing so. The collapse has caught them all, and ruin hovers close over many. A moratorium, declared several weeks ago, has not produced the expected results, and the unwillingness of the government to act on advice that would lead to a restoration of business on a new and safe basis has brought conditions painfully close to another period of inter-

Under the Platt policy the United States is responsible for Cuba, and consequently it will he the imperative duty of our government to take over and straighten out the affairs of the islanders in event they do not succeed in getting themselves out of the tangle into which they have fallen through the fever of speculation. This is not an interference with their privilege of "self determination," but the act of a big brother, come in kindness to assist the little fellow onto his feet again after he has slipped. We have done it before and very likely will have to do it may times again before the Cubans attain their full stature.

Douglas county fared well in the committee assignments at Lincoln. Now let the delegation reciprocate by not taking up too much time with fights that might be settled at home.

If the senate does probe the coal business, what will it find out more than is already known? What the people would prefer is some assurance that lower prices will come back.

An Indiana farmer asked that congress also remember the people, and was immediately sub-Jected to a sharp cross-examination. Write your

Brick masons at Salt Lake are reported to have asked for a decrease in wages. This probably will meet a hearty response.

A San Francisco lawyer is reported to have reduced his fees to enrich his client. This may be the exception that makes the rule.

The senate is bent on economizing, at least to far as inauguration display is concerned. Here's hoping the habit grows.

Team work between the State and Labor departments at Washington is about up to the democratic standard.

A "blind turkey" dinner was lately held Denver. Omaha has the "blind pig" variety every

Burley tobacco growers will grow no crop in 1921. Lucy Page Gaston should applaud them. Raising the policemen's pay is easy enough;

the trouble is to "raise the wind." A meeting between Lloyd George and

Valera would be interesting.

The parade of perennials is on at Lincoln.

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

SONG. As down the world we hasten, As hasten, love, we must. The days that mar and chasten-They also star the dust: With joys they wing the spirit, And if they flit and fade,

> The castles we have made. And though our castles vanish, And none their grace can banish, And none their glory hide. Though all our ships of treasure Be lost in oceans vast. Some dream shall fill life's measure

With nectar, first and last.

LAURA BLACKBURN. A LIBRARIAN confides to us that she was visited by a young lady who wished to see a large map of France. She was writing a paper on the battlefields of France for a culture club, and she just couldn't find Flanders' Fields and

No Man's Land on any of the maps in her books. IN THE UNIVERSITY MARKET. 'And I want some laundry starch. I've forgot-

ten the name, but I think it begins with R."
"Is it Argo?" "Yes, that's it. I knew it began with Ra"

REFERRING to Beethoven's anniversary, Ernest Newman remarks that "a truly civilized community would probably celebrate a centenary by prohibiting all performances of the master works for three or five years, so that the pub-lic's deadening familiarity with them might wear That would be the greatest service it could

NEWMAN, by the way, is a piano-player fan, contending that when the principles of beautiful tone production are understood, mechanical means will probably come nearer to perfection than the human hand. Mr. Arthur Whiting, considering the horseless pianoforte some time ago, was also enthusiastic. The h. p. is entirely selfpossessed, and has even more platform imperturbability than the applauded virtuoso. "After a few introductory sounds, which have nothing to do with the music, and without relaxing the lines of its inscrutable face, the insensate artist proceeds to show its power. Its security puts all hand playing to shame; it never hesitates, it surmounts the highest difficulties without changing

Sir: The most useful thing I learned from the Line was how to hiss such words as "molly-coddle," "foiled," and "no." Will you now take up purring? Mr. Shackleton, in his Book of Chicago, says we speak reverently of the Skokle marsh. The word Skokle, he says, is purred softly. Please start the purring. E. J. E.

"THOUSANDS of etchings, among which are etchings by James A. McNeill, Whistler, and Rembrandt . . ."—Chicago Journal. Rembrandt . . ."-Chicag Why drag in Whistler?

Our Felicitous Law-Givers. Rule 4 (Rules and Reservations for Charles

River Reservation): "No person shall utter any profane, threatening, abusive, or indecent language or loud outcry; or do any obscene or indecent act: . . . or lie down upon a bench or go to sleep thereon; . . . except by written authority from said Metropolitan District Com-Revised Statutes of Illinois: "The Governor

shall appoint five persons to be called the Board of Administration. One person shall be qualified to advise the board. One person shall be the president. The remaining three members of the board shall be reputable citizens."

Ordinance, Village of Stratton, Neb.: "Provided however, this ordinance shall not apply to dogs following their masters from the country,

or temporarily in the village on business, or traveling through the village." ONE of our line operators, asked the raison d'etre of the stogy, replied: "Well, you see, the stogy is both cigar and holder, for the price of

one cigar. I smoke half of it and throw the other

RHYMED DEVOTION.

When I'm away from you The grass less verdant is, the sky less blue. Less merrily the sunbeams dance along The bobbing waves; the breeze's evening song Less sweetly soothes. Life takes a

When I'm away from you. CALCITROSUS. A SIGN, reported by B. R. J., in a Cedar Rapids bank announces: "We loan money or Liberty bonds. No other security required. Showing that here and there you will find a banker who is willing to take a chance.

SNOW. Belated farer's foot prints in the snow Are silted over with soft-rustling flakes, Silencing silence, 'til a spired spruce shakes Its spiney shoulders and its long arms strow, Of foamy burden. Now the World forsakes The threads that pulled the puppets of its show

No droning summers drowsiness could hum Such a caressing dreamful lullaby, Nor in Lethean languor overcome As does this snow-blurred evening's low curfew

That sleep-ward summons all thought not of PETRARCHINO. Mrs. Alfred Snow of Chili, Wis., is on her way to Bismarck, N. D. It is suggested that she detour to Hot Springs and warm up a bit.

HOPE. When my choice stuff makes 'quaintance of the

I do no steep my steadfast soul in sorrow Instead, I keep on sending more and more; For B. L. T. means Better Luck Tomorrow! BOTLUINUS.

COMES complaint from San Diego that the eather is cold and rents are advancing. Why not hop on a bus and go to La Jolla?

TO AN INEXPERIENCED FRIEND. You blame me for these ways of mine, so still-My silent habit; you would cozen me May move my mind. But what is pale and chill To your young blood I warm withal; what's free To your high spirit would I choose to flee. We walk apart, I low, you on the hill.

And you mistake in judging all is grey

Where my breath flows. Oh, I have fire within
In light of which life opens like a book

To now a merry, now a tragic play, And woe I see—and nobleness—and sin, Till for my tears I would no longer look, A. B. "WHITTLER wanted in a large ladies' hat

factory."—Daily News.
Add light occupations. "THE lake is partially frozen over and wel filled with skaters."-Janesville Gazette.

Three children sliding on the ice, Upon a summer's day, As it fell out, they all fell in,

The rest they ran away.

—MA GOOSE. "DENVER Shriners Give Blind Turkey Dinner at Albany."—Rocky Mountain News. With a fittle blind pig on the side?

"COLORED music furnished for all occasions. Call Colored Union."—Denver Times. Probably coloratura singers, too. IF Mr. Wilson really believes that no piece of writing is worth \$150,000, may we not offer

him the hospitality of this Colyum. At the usual Several months ago, when Dr. R. S. Hyer resigned as president of the Southern Methodist

university at Dallas, Bishop Mouzon went up to Louisville to see if Dr. H. A. Boaz could be secured to take Dr. Hyer's place. In a day or two the bishop wired to Dallas. This is the form in which the operator at Dallas wrote and delivered the telegram: "Booze is available. Call a meeting of the committee. Mouzon."—Pitts-burgh Christian Advocate.

Could Not Happen Here. You pever hear of any one in this country walking off and leaving a satchel with \$2,000,000 in it like the man did in Paris. In this country the owner of a satchel containing \$2,000,000 would be quite sure to put a flask in it so that wouldn't walk away and forget it.-Detroit

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FRIENDLY TORTURERS. "I read," Mrs. L. F. Writes, "that an expectant mother writes of her husband throwing up a good dinner. I want to tell you that my husband did the same thing when I was pregnant and he has perfect health, thank God, and has not vomited since, and it has been 18 years since I had my baby."

scholarly treatise in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal. Ela says the name for the condition you mention is "convade." You see it is the people and thus compelling the individual to resort to the courts state of affairs sufficiently lished to have a name, and a for-eign bred one, at that. Ela says to bear the cost of litigation for both this is only a part of the general subject of longings of pregnant women. That in certain tribes the pregnant women long for foods unused by the members of their tribe, and that not infrequently their husbands come to have the same longing. This is a first cousin to. "convade, the condition from which your husband suffered.

Let us use this as an introduction to the general subject of birthmarks.

I sometimes wonder why some people are such vitriolic, enraptured, a woman can mark her baby. When we read the history of the subject and learn how much tradition, precedent, and history the theory has, you wonder no longer. An centuries old cannot be corrected overnight.

Duchess d'Abrantes records the agony of mind which marked her pregnancy. Her mother-in-law, her husband, and finally, another member of the family formed a chorus which constantly dinned her ears with stories of monsters and infants born with various marks because the mother did not long. The clergy joined their influence with that of those who were persuading pregnant women that they must long for something or else they would mark their babies. De Buffon told Napoleon of his experience with his wife who was reluctant to long, but final-

y longed for strawberries. In those days pregnant women were often tried for stealing things which they longed for but could not honestly acquire and stole in order to keep from marking their babies. Ela finds that recent records of such trials are few.

These longings were a species of hysteria. The hysteria was more or less contagious. Husbands caught it occasionally. There never was any foundation in fact for the longings or for the theory that birthmarks resulted from either longings of failure to have longings. Women who longed with great enthusiasm in their first pregnancies seemed to forget all about it in the later preg-nancies, say after the fifth or tenth, and their bables were not marked. Dr. H. A. Miller of Pittsburgh

warned the Pennsylvania Medical society: "It is important that physicians be versed in obstetrical superstitions in order that they may be in a position to deny them and thus assist the patient." Elt quotes some old sage as say-

ing: "Some people take peculiar de-light in telling all the horrible things they can think of to their pregnant friends." In the language of the streets: "He said it."

Pickles Bad For Baby. Mrs. C. C. K. writes: "I have a fine baby boy 17 months old. When buttermilk. This did not agree with him, so a month later we put him on

Mellin's food. At 10 months old I started to feed him a small amount of solid food. He kept gaining and now weighs 28 1-2 pounds. He has 16 teeth. The last two were noticed Saturday. "1. How many should he have and has he enough for his age?
"2. I do not know if his meals

are right. If they are not, will you please tell me what to feed him? In the morning I give him a dish of oatmeal and a glass of warm milk: for dinner mashed potatoes, some kind of vegetable and gravy, pudding or something similar, a glass of milk. Fof supper I used to feed him a poached egg or toast and milk, but he only cares for potatoes and milk and a small piece of cake. He will not take bread and milk at all.

sauce. We give him a very small piece when he sees them on the table. Will this hurt him? bowels move a day? He has one good movement and sometimes two. "5. I take him outdoors every day He is bundled up warm. Some say it is not safe to take him out ever day during the winter. Is this so

REPLY. Since he is thriving continue feeding him as you are. You are giving him almost enough milk. 3. If he must have pickles when he sees them on the table, I suggest that you keep them off the

4. His bowel habits are not bad.
5. Continue taking him out daily.

Avoid An Overdose. S. R. writes: "I want to know what will happen if a 5-grain capsule of quinine is taken, if it is an overdose, and if it has any effect on the

If by overdose you mean anything less than 20 or 30 grains there will be no permanent ill effects. There are a few cases of quinine blindness on record, but not many considering the large number of people who

Will Have No Effect. Constant Reader writes: "Will sal nepatica taken every morning re-

REPLY. PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Disarmament is like a formal event in society—none wants to arrive till the rest are there.— Nashville Tennessean.

Here's hoping the breaking of Plymouth Rock is a forecast of a big smash coming to the Puritans.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

If you spell Yap backwards you get somewhat closer to the inside story of the Pacific cable controversy.-Providence Tribune.

The principal difference between the holdup man and the profiteers is that the profiteers didn't get quite so much front page publicity.—Co-lumbia (S. C.) Record.

Annette Kellerman declares that swimming is the best exercise. That is comforting for those who are trying desperately to keep their heads above water.—Kansas City

How to Keep Well The Bee's Letter Box

Here's a Toesin Sound. | cipality, state or nation, nor Omaha, Jan. 1.—To the Editor of it ever he tolerated here. The Bee: In view of the agitation in Yavor of the city

e sounded to the people.

of one man rule, is claimed by your manager plan would force upon the paper to be less expensive to the people a dictator, which is an autotaxpayers and more efficient. It cratic form of government, repulwould, no doubt, be an efficient sive to those who believe in liberty spirit in Ireland. Perhaps it is not a means of producing a lockout and freedom; and during this reasonable public opinion, thereby deconstruction period, if this demoagainst public opinion, thereby defeating the right of the people for a voice in governmental affairs. It is safe to say it would be a far more

expensive form of government to the taxpayers for the reason that the I think I will use your letter as an city manager would have the power introduction for an article. In a very to place in force rules and measures estab- for relief and protection with a final the city and himself.

The promoters of this city man ager plan seem to have lost all sight of the principle on which this government was founded, which based on liberty and freedom; and it should be the duty of every citizen who believes in liberty, freedom and justice to remind them of this principle—a government fought and died "might not perish from earth," shall not now be disviolent partisans of the theory that carded for the dictatorial form of government whether in the muni-

In past ages pregnant women were told that if they did not long for something their failure to do so would mark their babies. The

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So well how to govern the people ROY M. HARROP. This city manager plan, a form as the people themselves. The city

ing his rights to a voice in his gov-ernment. As an American citizen think for himself, letting no one cise prescribe for him or dictate to him

oncerning his interests in the af-

Are the "Banshees" Gone? Lloyd George says he sees a new

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