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#### The Bee's Platform 1. New Union Passenger Station.

- 2. Continued improvement of the Ne-braska 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.

#### A STATE BUILDING PROGRAM.

No proposal recently made to the people of Nebraska deserves more careful consideration than that contained in the letter written by Mr. John Hoge of Grand Island and published in The Bee. It deals with a condition that has slowly been developing, and which is now approaching an acute stage. The public buildings owned by the State of Nebraska are decaying, some of them already having reached the point where to repair them is to waste money. Provision has been made for a new state house: additional buildings are to be erected on the university campus, to replace others that are obsolete, but nothing is being done in a general way to take care of the hospitals, asylums, reformatories, homes and schools maintained by the state and for which the need increases with each year. Many of these buildings already have passed the accepted period of usefulness, and should soon go out of existence.

The state has been liberal, even if imprudent, in caring for the needs of its citizens and its wards. Repairs and improvements have been made on structures from time to time, in an effort to keep them in service and to meet modern requirements, but this can not go on indefinitely. Take the Asylum for Incurables at Hastings, for example; it was built when John M. Thayer was governor, more than thirty years ago. While it was modern in its days, it is facking now in much that goes for such an institution nowadays. The state has spent large sums of money in repairs and betterments on this institution, and has kept it up to the highest possible point, yet it falls short of being what it should be today, and can not be made right short of reconstruction. The same is true of the Hospital for Insane at Lincoln; the soldiers' homes at Grand Island and Milford are decaying; at Norfolk, Geneva, Kearney and elsewhere public money is being spent to carry on business in quarters that are inadequate as should have been enlarged by the withdrawal well as inefficient. The needs for these institations is not going to be less in the future.

Mr. Hoge makes no final suggestion as to what should be done, beyond the evident fact that some policy should be adopted. He merely calls attention to a neglected bit of public business, and points out the imperative need of doing something to remedy the situation. While the general policy of the state has been to carry its own insurance on all public buildings, it has set apart no fund to care for the replacement of any that might be destroyed, much less making arrangement for the item of obsolescence. This is not wise management, and a private enterprise conducted on such lines would end in failure.

However, the thing to do is to face the fact and provide for the future. The present legislature can well devote some part of its time into an inquiry along the lines indicated by Mr Hoge, and perhaps find a way to take care of tile public buildings. A definite and continuing program for building in Nebraska is one policy that commends itself because of its prudence and possibilities of economy.

#### Harding to Have Clear Field.

The decision of President Wilson to take no further part in international affairs will be approved generally. Not pique, but an appreciation of the verdict rendered in November supports the president in his attitude. He could settle nothing in the name of the American people at this time, and it is doubtful if he would be accepted by the powers as authorized to negotiate on important and continuing problems. His plans laid at Paris have gone sadly askew; not only did Americans decline to accept the League of Nations, but Italy, Jugo-Slavia, Poland, England, France and Belgium have varied from or joined in modifying settlements and adjustments reached at the great conference. International observers agree that Wilson's idealism has been violated in both letter and spirit in the days since the final gathering in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles.

Mr. Harding's policy, as far as it has been outlined, is getting support not only at home but abroad. Developments at Geneva showed that an "irrepressible conflict" between the assembly and the council of the League impends. the disaffection of Argentine amounting to a little something more than mere bumptiousness on part of that country. This spirit will not be quieted by the soft words supporters of the scheme are uttering, by plausible arguments in favor of a continuation of what is looked upon by many as an impossible arrangement, or by affecting to ignore the opposition of American

republics. The suggested association of nations will approach the problem from a different angle. planning for rational control and disposition of international questions; not merely a renewal of the old methods, but the preservation of integral independence to each country while providing for adjustment of differences affecting any or all on a basis of justice, setting right as the standard and not political expediency. Such an association does seem practical as well as desirable. Its machinery may be simpler and less liable to derangement than that of the League, and its product promises to be as attractive in form and as serviceable in quality.

Mr. Harding will find the question in its status quo just where Mr. Wilson left it when he had recourse to the "great and solemn ref-

erendum," the verdict of which was so emphatic and unmistakable. The foreign policy of the incoming administration is promised to differ materially from that of the present. It was this prospect that led to the result of the election, a fact the next president perfectly understands, and which will certainly have its influence on whatever he does.

#### Selling the School Bonds.

With no purpose to hamper the Board of Education in its efforts to dispose of the \$5,-000,000 bond issue, but rather to expedite the transaction, The Bee ventures a suggestion. It is that the interest rate be increased to a point that will induce purchase, but that the bonds do not be sold at less than par. Reasons for this are obvious and should have some weight. The city gas bonds are being offered in the bond market at a price to yield 5.2 per cent; this fairly fixes the credit of the City of Omaha. It is possible the credit of the Independent School district of Omaha is not so good, but it ought to be not far from that of the city. If this is true, bonds may well be disposed of inside the 7 per cent limit, and at par. It might not be unwise for the board to offer the issue in small lots to the citizens Omaha bought government bonds very liberally, and the citizens might be willing to take some part of this issue of their own securities.

#### Cuba's Checkered Career.

There's trouble in Cuba again. As usual, it enters about the question of who won the election for the presidency. Although the dispute is ostensibly over the counting of the votes, beneath this is the menacing fact that the Cubans have not learned the primary lesson of democracy-submission to the will of the

Major General Crowder has gone to the sland on a United States battleship, and is at work on a solution that probably will avoid any necessity for armed intervention such as was seen during the revolution of 1906. At that time, William Howard Taft, then secretary of war under Roosevelt, headed a peace commission backed by 5,600 American troops under Major General Bell. Mr. Taft said then that is was Cuba's last chance, and settled the dispute without serious conflict.

Concerning the friendly intentions of the United States Americans will have no doubts, and yet it is but natural that the Cubans should not be entirely easy in their minds, although the effect of this will be only good if it results in early pacification of internal disputes. For more than a century the United States has felt particular interest in Cuba. Jefferson coveted it and declared that its acquisition by Great Britain would be a calamity to us. John Quincy Adams declared that the laws of political gravitation would inevitably draw it toward the American union. The slave owners, after the Mexican war, engineered attempts to annex Cuba, both by purchase from Spain and by furbustering expeditions. Later, President Grant threatened to end a bloody ten-years' insurrection by intervention that would have meant

The war of 1898, however, demonstrated to the Cubans the friendship and honorable intentions of their great neighbor. This confidence of Mr. Taft and the troops after the rebellion of fifteen years ago. Conditions in Cuba cannot be said to have gone from bad to worse, and the sentiment of the United States clearly is that it be given every chance for self-government, with only such aid as is necessary to preserve world order.

#### Administration Flouts Itself.

The remarkable exhibition of facing both ways that is just now being given at Washington by the cabinet is a sign of the constitutional weakness of the Wilson government. Donal O'Callaghan, lord inayor of Cork, is present in the country in defiance of the immigration law and of the passport regulations. He came as a stowaway, and ordinarily would be denied at the port where he entered and returned on the vessel that brought him hither. His purpose in coming is plain; his presence here will do no harm to any. That is not the point that holds attention. The Department of Labor, which has first jurisdiction over him under the immigration laws, says his case is not disposed of, but he is released on his own recognizance pending deliberation. The State department says he is here in violation of the passport regulation, and demands his deportation, but defers action, Meanwhile, Lord Mayor O'Callaghan lectures in New York, visits other cities, and plans to appear before that astonishing tribunal, "the commission of 100," to testify as to the condition of Irish affairs. No material objection will be laid against his conduct in any way; he has sought to serve the cause he has espoused in the way he thinks will do most good, just as did his predecessor, the devoted MacSwiney. What excites comment is the course of the United States government, which does not dare ignore its own laws and regulations on the one hand, and equally dreads offending the Friends of Irish Freedom on the other. O'Callaghan need have no fear of deportation so long as matters stand as they do.

Mary Pickford's chauffeur, who has left California and come to Omaha because he couldn't stand the climate there, will never dare return to Los Angeles for fear of being backed up against a stone wall by the native

The British government promises not to arrest De Valera if he keeps silent, which is one, another way of saying that he will be taken into custody as soon as he is found.

We do not locally have a \$30,000,000 bond sale frequently, but when we do little time is wasted on it. One was over with Monday in less than three hours.

President Wilson, who is reported to be working two hours a day now, can taper off gradually until March 4, when he joins the anks of unemployed.

At that Mr. McAdoo could not make any more of a "flivver" of the Ford factory than he did of the railroads.

"Shoot to kill" doesn't sound humane, but it does have a ring that things will better heed. Money used to talk, and is even now recov

ering its voice.

## A Line O'Type or Two

#### TO TONY SARG.

Tony, dear deity of blocks and strings, Whose hand draws back the curtain of the years! Through cloud and mist of memory appears Your tiny actors with their gesturings, Their puppet passions and their mimic fears-

Rip and his wife, his dog, his daughter's tears-Oh, what a vanished joy the whole play brings! While little people in your audience Shout out in pleasure at Nick Vedder's fun. Or watch grey Hudson's sprites, with features

We elders gaze along a vista, whence From our young past there smalles on everyone The kind old features of Joe Jefferson!

WE see by an account of a lecture in the east that Major Putnam has been "bought with British gold" again. Which reminds us that our renittance is three weeks overdue.

> WILLIE THE TOWN DEMON. (From the Bushnell News.)

There was quite an excitement last night at 12 o'clock when some of the rough boys of the town started to ring the church and school bells. William Silberere was seen firing his cap gun.

WE have just wired a request to Mr. Jimmie Whittaker, at Cochrane, Ont., to bring home with him a pair of those "mameluke dogs," as we think of starting a newspaper zoo.

#### Adventure of a Master Mind.

Sir: In response to an urgent request, I re-tly went to Marion. As I reached the w. k. porch-I was somewhat embarrassed by the sight in silence I leaned heavily against a column—you know how well I do that. Soon, however. I was inspired. I stepped boldly forward and threw Elihu Root off. Then I pushed Hughes blooming lilacs into the frost-blighted ones in the yard. I continued in this course until the lawn was a writhing mass of superlative men talities. Finally the president-elect noticed it 'What are you a-doing of, Stone Phiz?'

he inquired.
"Just dusting the Attic salt off of the front porch," I responded, You know, it was the way STONE PHIZ. STONE PHIZ.

CLASSICAL WHO'S WHO. A versatile poet was Quintus H. Flaccus, An excellent man, though acquainted Bacchus.
He lived in a villa just off the main street,

And as "Horace" was known to the Roman elite. MR. MELLON of Pittsburgh is boosted for a cabinet position. His friends say he is ripe

TO M. H. think that when thou wert first born and came resh from the hand of God, there was a sheer And Heavenly quality about thee, Dear, That few clayed spirits have. Thy very name

Spells loveliness and like a quiet flame
Celled in an alabaster vase, thy love
Sweet as a little child's, asks nothing of
The one whose way it lights. The world's loud Is but a breath and gold a wasting dross Consumed as cockle in a soul like thine; It is like thee that 'neath thy heavy cross

Thou has found place to ease the hurt of mine. Well paid is he for adverse fortune's rods Who hath for friend such a good friend of God's. GALESBURG'S Hotel Custer has sprung a

new one on the gadders. Bub reports that, instead of the conventional "Clerk on Duty, Mr. Rae," the card reads: "Greeter, Rudie Hawks." WHO is so chatty as the chatty tailor? Writes an Omaha member of the profession: "Should you not be in line for duds, you will

downward trend. Prosperous N. Y. to you." Problem of Conduct. Sir: I had dinner with John an I Mary the other evening. John and I are nearly brother and sister, being double first cousins. Mary had been downtown, indulging in the present-day, middle less method of short life to the cause where possible. middle-class method of shopping; that is to say, she looked at the price mark on the articles she wanted, looked at the money she had, and came home. John does not love her any the came home. John does not love her any the less because of this method of shopping, but he

deplores the necessity; so after dinner he tried to express his sympathy by reading the ads to "Here are excellent women's coats at the Boston Store for \$19.75," says he. "I won't go there," says Mary "I simply couldn't ask a salesgirl to show me a coat for an excellent

John smiled and turned to Rothschild's ad.
"What are you looking through the ads for?"
asked Mary. "Underwear for men that can be relied on?" John looked and was perplexed. He
is a dear cousin, but his mind is—well, mascu-Mary left the room. Of course it was a joke and all that, but it was nice the way she said it, and did I really think she meant it? I refused to answer, because my answer might incriminate myself, but told him I would write and ask you to help him, for all the Line fans that you are a smart man and and ask know that you are a smart man and read learned books about affairs feminine and feminist. Now, please, won't you teach this per-plexed male how to determine whether Mary is plexed male how to determine? joshing him or trying to be nice? ELIZABETH.

THE effort of W. S. to explain things to his boss has got him in deeper. Among gadders, reminds one of 'em, it is known that hotel maids do not report for their regular duties until 7:30 a..m.

#### REFINED CRUELTY.

A sign in Atlanta coarsely announces: "Lynch the Tailor." If the poor tailor must be bumped off, would it not be more refined to send him to the Ontario Barber Shop in Chi-

OR he might be sentenced to six months in the barber shop of Peter Yell in Palo Alto.
"We trust," another communication of another communication concludes, "your further consideration of the sup-porting references will thoroughly cover and satisfy your erroneous anticipation."

SONG.
Counting am I the days now
When I shall hear again Robins on many a bough, Singing to weary men.

Hearing, the dark bough shall bud; Hearing, shall I rejoice, Feeling my fountains of blood Leap to their cheery voice.

Counting am I the nights long, Dreaming dreams of mine own, Tuning and crooning a song For the first crocus bloom.

LAURA BLACKBURN.

A COMMUNICATION to La Follette's Magazine is signed by W. E. T. S. Nurse, N. Y. City. What is the "S" for?

#### The Blunder 'Bus. I'd rather ride atop a 'bus Than any other place; So every little passing twig Can hit me in the face.

SUNDRY subscribers have advised us that the date line shows on the reverse of the Line's heading. Yes, sometimes. It is a question of the page registering in the pressroom.

TO Frank J. Wilstach: Cut 'sands of the seashore' out of Dictionary of Similes Substitute 'as numerous as a bank or trust company's vice presidents' "-F. P. A.

WE, too, find Mr. Wilstach's Dic. o. f., and have jotted down a long string of substitutes. EXAMPLES: Dark: Dark as the inside of a Marshall Field Bus. Noisy: Noisy as a Ford in neutral. B. L. T. in neutral.

#### Idle, but Orderly.

Calvin Coolidge out of a job is a problem which is difficult for us to appreciate, yet that is what his retirement from the governorship of Massachusetts this week means. He is faced by the problem of a \$32 a month house on his hands and no chance of employment on the old farm in Vermont during the winter months. However, after March 4 he will begin to draw his salary from Uncle Sam for presiding over What is the passport regulation for, anyhow? | the august senate of the United States.—Bur-

#### NOT ALWAYS DANGER

A small amount of albumin in the urine, unaccompanied by casts, may not be very significant, especially in young men and perhaps young women also. A year or more ago we found an account of the effects of athletics in young men. Then it was found that boys who had played hard games of tennis, foot ball, run marathon and shorter races and engaged in other competitive sports were frequently found to have some albumin

in the urine. Dr. M. Nicholson found that 10 per cent of a group who had just played foot ball had albumin in their urine; 18 per cent of a group who had just run three miles were similarly af-fected. But Dr. Barrengar, while agreeing with these observations, did not think it meant anything. He examined a group of 70 men who had been found to have albuminuria as young men 10 years before. Twenty-eight of them still had some albumin in the urine, but none o them had any other sign of Bright's

diseases. Dr. D. C. Parmenter, working with the students of Harvard university. found that a very large proportion, especially of the younger classmen. had some albumin in the urine. The proportion affected was 5 to 7 per cent. Of 33 track team candidates 7 per cent had albuminuria, 6 per cent of the hockey players had it, 4 per cent of the foot ball players had Only one of the players on the first eleven was affected by it.

It is seen that the symptom was bout as prevalent among the athletes as in the general student ody, but no more so. He examined some upper class men who were known to have had albuminuris when lower class men. He found that the disorder had not developed into anything serious. The conclusion that he arrives at is that albuminuria, especially among men of college freshman age, is quite prevalent rrespective of athletics.

He took the boys with albumin-uria and examined and analyzed them more closely to discover some reasons. Of the 40, six had heart

A man with heart trouble should watch his kidney action with dis-crimination. A little albumin in the urine may be the only evidence that his compensation is not quite what it should be. Some of the six had irregular or rapid pulse.

Another factor of major conse

quence was bad posture. Four of the boys had s inal curvature. Others were without spinal curvature had various posture faults.

Another important factor nervous makeup. Some of the boys

who seemed all right in other ticulars were on edge most of the time, were lacking in nervous poise and stability.

The majority of the cases gave evidence of being transitory. The urine contained albumin at the time of the first examination, but not on

subsequent examination. He did not think athletics was much of a factor in bringing on alubminuria. He did not think a "Should you not be in line for duds, you will little albuminuria without casts or kindly convey the correct impression of the other evidence of Bright's disease in a young man was of great sig-nificance. At the same time it was

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## How to Keep Well

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#### SIGNAL.

tiredness? Every morning when I get up I feel tired. My head does not exactly ache, but it feels heavy and sometimes I can hardly keep my eyes open. I work in an office from 9 to 5 with an hour for lunch. When I have nothing to do but sit at my desk and think I nearly fall asleep. Do you think it is because I do not get enough sleep? I never get to bed before 11 p. m. as I go to night school. I get up at 7. Do you think if I keep up night school it will in-jure my health? I am 16 years and months old. Do you think I need tonic?

You are not getting enough sleep, You get less than eight hours, and you need at least nine.

#### Skin Needs Grease.

J. L. H. writes: "I have been troubled for the last two years with winter itch. It is very troublesome, especially after bathing. Will you please publish a remedy for this

#### REPLY.

To get relief grease the skin. A grease containing witch hazel may be better. A good local application is known as the Dew of Sahara. A grease containing a little carbolic acid is very soothing, but must be used with caution, particularly there are scratch marks. It absorbs live in a cool, moist air. If you have tub bath. If you use scap be certain you wash it all off. Use only good grade soaps. Many persons with bath itch use oatmeal and borax instead of soap. Some grease themselves

#### clean, using neither water nor soap Have Kidney's Examined: Mrs. J. M. N. writes: "Will you

lease tell me if there is a remedy or ankles that swell? I cannot wear ow shoes one day without my ankles swelling terribly. I am 5 feet and 1 inch tall and weigh 121 pounds, so I do not think it is because I am so heavy.'

#### Offers Boll Remedy. Mrs. G. S. writes: "To get rid of

boils each one must (with cotton and adhesive tape.) I had somewhere between 15 and on my neck before I got rid of Might Increase Exercise. J. F. K. writes: "I am 52 years of age. Never been ill since a young

#### lad. Sleep fine. No pain of any kind.

I walk a great deal, but no other drink and eat very little meat. Had it was high-160. Do you think I should exercise more-tennis, golf, REPLY. A blood pressure of 160 is high

physicial examination completed. If about 25 per cent more exercise, 25 your bowels regular, and let it go at that.

## The Bee's A

tion of your paper carries a very interesting and valuable piece of reading matter by L. F. Harrison—"Pul-piteering Is No Life for a Lounge Lizard." To the average out-of-town visitor, one gets the impression tha Omaha is a city of lounge lizards especially if you stop at any hotel with any morale about it is the Salvation Army, when it comes to stop ping at public rooming houses. Omaha is certainly no place to take a preacher's son between the ages of 6 and 60. Omaha, with its large hotels amusement halls and other entertainment is certainly rotten to the core. One, to be convinced, not only convinced but satisfied, should take in "a good time in Omaha Omaha has a great army of church working people, headed by the men of their denomination, and should in every way be respected and cherished, regardless of creed, providing their belief is in doing some good toward their people, and suppressing crime at all angles. If you, the edi-tor of The Bee (a leading Omaha paper), and all the citizens of Omaha were to resume work for 10 minutes and think of how Omaha could be improved in a moral situation, especially as put to the transient visitor of Omaha, would it not make you ask this question of yourself: "What part of this program do I have, and when and where does the show start?" It's time Omaha is taking

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