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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.

WITH OR WITHOUT ARMS.

Addressing the house committee on naval affairs, Gen. Tasker H. Bliss says if the United States will propose a disarmament conference, the whole world will quickly respond. This is perhaps literally true. The whole world will respond to any conference the United States may suggest, and it is within the range of possibilities that Mr. Harding will ask for a general meeting to discuss armament soon after he enters the office of president. But we should not delude ourselves with the thought that such a conference will lead to the dismantling of navies and the disbanding of armies. Plenty of evidence to the contrary may be noted.

Very recently Premier Hughes of Australia, who was one of the three big men at Paris (Robert Borden of Canada and Jan Smuts of South Africa being the other two), announced an expansion of Australia's defense program. A "white Australia" is the policy there, and to maintain it an army and navy is being provided; not on the magnificent scale exhibited by the great powers of Europe, but to a tune that is commensurate with the ability of the dominion, and presumably to grow as the country developes. Canada has lately accepted from the mother country certain war ships, not obsolete, but up-to-date, to be the nucleus for the Canadian navy. The dream of Wilfred Laurier is to be realized. And in South Africa, Jan Smuts, facing a political crisis that may eagulf him in the wave of opposition to the empire, holds firmly to his original plans for the defense of the South African Union.

These men showed themselves to be humane and gifted with vision in their statesmanship at Paris. Smuts is credited with having prepared the draft for the League of Nations covenant which was adopted. Hughes and Borden were ardent advocates of protection for the smaller nations, and yet all three publicly stated after the conference was over and the treaty signed that, league or no league, the British dominions would expect to lie safe behind the bulwark that so long had shielded them, the British navy. They are not comforting themselves with the prospect of a world without arms.

When Lord Robert Cecil came out strongly for the proposed league, some months before the armistice was signed; before the A. E. F. had turned the tide of war at Belleau Wood and Chateau Thierry, The Bee made the statement that, whatever the end might be, England would retain its navy and France its army. Events have justified this prediction.

A world at peace is a delightful thing to look forward to. If America can hasten such a condition for mankind, all will unite in the effort, No better way of testing the temper of the world presents itself than the proposed conference on armament. Only there can the true state of sentiment be developed. Our national genius is for peace; we have often been taunted because of our lack of propensity for war. Right now the American people are more than willing to set the example, but the world may as well know that we do not propose to expose ourselves unnecessarily, because our neighbors happen to be fed up on a game they forced us to play in self-defense. "When the devil was sick, the devil a saint would be," and the devil is pretty sick just now.

What Sort of Immigrants?

In whatever way congress eventually may deal with the question of immigration, the hearings have demonstrated clearly the sort of prospective citizens that are most favorably regarded. The claim that too many of those who wish to enter our gates are not producers, but merely would swell the ranks of the clerks and others who live by buying and selling appears to be borne out by the facts. This emphasis on the superior value to a nation of men who actually produce wealth instead of merely adding to the ranks of those who are engaged in the processes of distribution is timely.

If America needs any influx of citizens from overseas, the need is not for those classes of any nation that live by their wits, but for those who can create wealth, whether on the farm, in the factory, or elsewhere. Work of this kind is increasingly taking on new dignity and importance, and it should properly be the duty of congress not to admit too many, even of this class, to dilute the present American labor force and lower its standard of living by too pressing immigrant competition.

The Penalty of Creative Ability.

It does not require the news that a public subscription is being raised to erect a monument over the unmarked grave of Christopher L. Sholes, the inventor of the typewriter, to prove that the genius for invention and the genius for business are seldom associated. Modern history is filled with instances of men in humble circumstances who have made wonderful mechanical discoveries to the profit of the world and of some manufacturing company, but with

little personal benefit. Sholes started out as a printer in Pennsylvania, afterward going to Wisconsin, where he became editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel and News. It was while he was enjoying the leisure which is so necessary to many men of inventive minds, as collector of customs, that he became interested in devising a machine for the consecutive numbering of bank books and ledgers. An article in an English magazine telling of experi-

ments with a mechanical writing device by John Pratt encouraged him to give his whole time and thought to the idea of a typewriter.

A year later, in 1867, he completed the first crude instrument, and soon it was found necessary to turn the manufacture over to an eastern arms company which was well equipped for doing fine work in steel. Sholes lived to see this mechanism come into world-wide use, but having had the joy of creation, the details of business were distasteful to him, and his net profit amounted to little more than the glory of being known as the father of the typewriter.

Mr. Daniels and the Navy.

Our soon to be eliminated secretary of the navy is still moving around the circle that has included his course ever since he took office. He has completely boxed the compass in his attitude, and now in outlining views for the guidance of the committees of congress finds himself unable to depart from his practice. His advice is modified by the same "if" that has distingished it from the time he devoted himself first to a limitation of naval efficiency, then to an enormous expansion, and so on. The parsimony of 1913 was followed by the liberality of 1916; the declaration of 1919 that we are to construct the mightiest flotilla of fighting ships ever known was prefatory to the call in 1920 for a naval construction holiday. To the committee of the house Secretary Daniels commends continued activity on the program of 1916, supplemented by the statement that if disarmament is decided upon work should be stopped. The question of agreement on disarmament is adjourned for the next administration. What the people have a right to expect from Josephus Daniels, as the net result of his almost eight years of experience as secretary of the navy is a definite announcement as to a future policy. He should be able to give a positive expression, one way or the other, and do it courageously and frankly. Nor is it likely that he will. He will go out of the department leaving a record that is negative in all large affairs and positive only on inconsequential points. He is another of the real reasons why Mr. Harding had a popular majority of more than 7,000,000 votes.

Opening an Era of Thrift.

The president of the Argentine republic, a few years ago, astounded the public by riding to his inauguration in a street car, and the residents of our own national capital probably are even more disappointed at the desire of President-elect Harding for economy and simplicity in the ceremonies of March 4. Not so the American people, however, who will thoroughly agree with Mr. Harding that "it will be a wholesome example of economy and thrift" to eliminate wasteful extravagance from the celebration and drop all plans for an inaugural ball and parade.

Unless the American government saves its pennies, it will be incapable of saving its dollars. Although the residents of Washington guarantee the payment of the expenses of the various entertainments, the fact is that they are not called on to pay a cent, the money coming from the purses of the visitors to Washington and from the public treasury. But no matter where the burden of financing this regal splendor falls, waste is waste, and money spent this way produces nothing of real use

The business of governing the American nation is not a circus. Mr. Harding has further endeared himself in the hearts of his fellow countrymen by refusing to sponsor the proposed celebration and by insisting on a solemn ceremony of stately simplicity on the east porch of the capitol.

Burning Live History.

The loss by fire of census records dating back to 1790 is at once an indictment of the United States government for not providing fireproof surroundings for these valuable documents, and of those whose official or unofficial duty should have been to codify and publish the information concealed in their pages.

Scholarly investigation and official research among government reports have been carried farther in the great nations of Europe than here. ocial students have long been handicapped by the dearth of accurate information based on government reports. This is true not only in relation to the census bureau, but also of the Treasury department, which only in a meager way has made any studies of tax returns as a basis for economic reasoning. We do not know how wealthy we are as a nation, or how much wealth is produced in any year in the varied lines of industry. Secrets of the highest value may have been lost in this fire in the Department of Commerce at Washington, and to just such degree will we as a nation have to depend on guesswork instead of statistics.

Example for the Legislature:

In line with the letter of John Hoge on the subject of a permanent policy for state buildings, the legislature is getting a concrete illustration of the situation which is more serious than has yet been disclosed. The kitchen and dining room at the Norfolk Hospital for Insane are inadequate and outworn; new buildings and equipment are desperately needed. An appropriation of \$75,000 was set aside to provide for the needed improvements, but bids for the work of erection and installing of the equipment are greatly in excess of the amount available. This is not a surprising situation, but one that ought to impress on the minds of the taxpayers as well as the lawmakers the necessity for laying plans now in order that the contingencies of the future may be met promptly and without waste. The state's buildings must be cared for, and the wise thing to do is to get ready in advance for what all realize must come.

Our interesting democratic contemporary might have included in its eulogy on Senator Thomas the statement that he refused to be a candidate for re-election because he could not endorse the president's policy.

Certain enterprising Nebraska communities are showing the way for the metropolis by adopting the city manager form.

The cheerful toot of the factory whistle is heard again, the best possible evidence that America is neither dead nor dying.

Minneapolis voters are to decide whether taxes will be increased. No passing the buck

"Big Jeff's" fight for the air mail is of the

How will O'Callaghan get home now?

A Line O'Type or Two

THAT Danville woman who is declining food until her husband quits the produce busi ness for the ministry is a member in uncom-monly good standing of the League of Making Virtue Odious. If she attracts more than her

share of attention it is only because she has selected an unusual variety of fanaticism. WE must disagree with Mrs. Sevey, who

advocates a public hanging in Chicago every We believe that once a fortnight would serve the purpose quite as well.

Podunk Papers Please Copy. (White Sulphur Springs Corr. N. Y. Times.) Mr. and Mrs. C. Wickliffe Yulee, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Pell, spent several hours on the sun porch yesterday.

"WHAT I want to know is," writes Fritillaria "whether you think Jane Austen drew Edmund and Fanny for models, or knew them for the unconscionable prigs they are. I am collecting votes," Well, we think Jane knew they were prigs, but nevertheless had, like ourself, a warm effection for Fanny. Fanny Price, Elizabeth Bennet, and Anne (we forget her last name) are three of the dearest girls in fiction.

IT BEFELL IN MADISON. The clerk at the desk phone yelled: "Helno! What do you think this is, a free country?" Turning to me, he explained: "Guest wants a drink of hootch." GADDER B.

NORTH DAKOTA has brought suit against Minnesota for daamges on account of the latter building the Mustinka drainage ditch. Ap-

THE COURTESY BOOBY PRIZE. Sir: Friend husband announced that he was going to win ene of those prizes before the Politeness Editor busted up. Sezzi, pleasantly as possible, "I didn't know they were giving out booby prizes." "Huh!" sezze, "I wouldn't win the booby prize, but I can tell you who would. It's old Sam Hewitt down at McLean. Sam's ousin, Joe Bell, from Ohio, that he hadn't seen for twenty years, walked up and rang the bell one day. Sam came to the door, looked him over, and said, 'Evenin'!' 'Good evening,' said 'I guess you don't remember me. 'Yes, I says Sam. 'You're Aunt Mattle Bell's do, says Sam. You're Aunt Mattle Bell's boy—' with his hand still on the doorknob. 'Uncle Ed Hawley give he your address,' says Joe, getting nervous. 'Just like that old fool,' says Sam: 'always shootin' off his mouth about things that don't consarn him no ways. And you c'n tell him I said so.' And he shut the door."

HIGHLAND PARK.

tom," announces a Chicago concern. But we supposed that all shoe dealers marked the price enough for one dose. SOUNDS LIKE A SETTING UP EXERCISE.

(From the American Magazine.) "'Go ahead,' he answered, with his

The other leaders answered me in like NOT all those who saw the marionette show in our village the other day may be acquainted

with the following: M. Signoret's Marionettes.

(Anatole France, "La Vie Litteraire.") If I must speak my whole mind, actors spoil comedy for me. I mean good actors. I might perhaps come to terms with the other sort, but decidedly I cannot endure excellent actors such to be seen at the Comedie Francaise. Their talent is too great; it overwhelms every thing. There is nothing but them. Their personality effaces the work they represent. They are important. I would like an actor only to be important when he has genius. I dream of masterpieces played in a slap-dash style in barns

the sanctuary. The marionette, or mariole, was originally a little Virgin Mary, a pious image. originally a little Virgin Mary, a pious image.
And the Rue de Paris, where these figures were
formerly sold, was called the Rue de Marionettes or des Marionettes. . . In old Spain,
in the ardent home of Madonnas clad in beautiful dresses like lamp-shades made of pearls and gold, the marionettes acted in mystery plays and performed the drama of the Passion.

Formerly, during the great religious festivals at Jerusalem, puppets were made to dance piously on the Holy Sepulcher. Similarly in Greece and Rome, jointed dolls had at first a part in the ceremonies of religion; then they lost their religious character. In the decline of the drama, the Athenians were seized with such a fancy for them that the archens authorized little wooden actors to appear in that theater of Bacchus, which had resounded to the lamenta-tions of Atossa and the furies of Orestes.

"WHENEVER you see a dirty car," adver-tises the Auto Laundry of Mattoon, "remember the Auto Laundry."

QUITE as candid is the Elgin Drug Co., which confesses: "We advanced our prices irrespective of the lower prices we paid for our merchandise.'

A LITTLE EXERCISE IN HISSORY.

Sir: For some time we have heard no zvoices from the school of hissory. I am therefore tempted to submit a simple exercise in the form of a conversation between a prospective customer and a sausage dealer: Chalande: "Combein ces six saucissons-cl, et

combein ces six saucissons-la?" Charcutiere: "Six sous, ces six saucissons ci, et six sous, ces six saucissons-la." BALLYMOONEY.

COL. BUTCHER says she uses "The Crock of Gold" to test the minds of people. A friend of ours employs "Zulcika Dobson" for the same purpose. What literary acid do you apply? A Poem That Every Child Should Know.

(From the Champaign News-Gazette.) was the twenty-third of this December always will remember The decorators from Decatur came to beautify. Our hospital and our home And all soon began to assume A look that was pleasing to the eye.

The entertainment we had was great We thought so at any rate Especially the feature Rev. Sumerville Who entertained us with a lecture in good style. He advocated keep smiling all the while And what we done, do it with a will.

The banquet on Christmas day In my memory will always stay For all was sweet and wholesome as honey in

the comb.

And we offer up a fervent prayer

That all men should receive such care

As the members of the Sullivan Masonic Home. EVERY time we think of the sugar we bought at thirty cents the pound we weep afresh for those unfortunate Cuban sugarteers.

"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY." Sir: Just how would you classify the manufacturer who, in advertising a certain article much used by the housewife, advances the claim, "None so good, few its equal?"

WE see by the Macomb Journal that Adeline Young and Dean Onion have taken out a mar-riage license. Looks like an early spring.

A FAMINE IN HOMES. (From the Morgan Park Review.) Wanted—The best woman on earth is hungry (for a home) I am her husband. Has anyone a small building to sell me, that

I can move onto a lot I own, to make a home for her? A-185.

Wanted—Good home for a gray cat.
Beverly 1702. EVER and aye there is the silver lining. A Sunday blue law would scatter the concerts

through the week. THE following was typed at the end of a letter received t'other day: "HEE-HA."

BE of good cheer, contribs. 1921 will reard writers. B. L. T.

The Skinner.

"Josh Yaw didn't have much of a time up to Kay See," remarked Burt Blurt of Petunio.
"Seems he took a taxicab at the Union station, and the taxidermist skinned him good and and the taxidermist skinned him good and are taxidermist skinned him good and the taxidermist skinned him good and taxidermist skinne plenty. Well, that's what a feller gets for try-ing to show off."—Kansas City Star.

Natural Result.

"Some men are bashful when it comes to meeting their obligations," remarks an exchange. This may be because they are financially shy,-Boston Transcript.

How to Keep Well

uestions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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WHO WILL INVENT COLIC CURE?

The man who will invent a cure will get a medal from the mothers and am certain that I may become and the fathers will not be unap- ill upon receipt of the information preciative. Bables have a way of getting colic at night, and the old and tried remedy is walking the floor with the youngster.

There may be worse indoor sports, but it would be hard to prove it to father in cold weather. Mother knows that the floor walking also goes on all day while father is away at work. One way to less colic, and a good one, is to cut down the baby's ra-

and mules get it-from overeating. If the mother whose baby nurses 15 minutes will stop him at 10 or 12 minutes he will not overfill his stomach, and perhaps more important still, he will not get so much of the rich strippings which come down as the last of the milk is drawn away. Some women stop their babies from having colic by having them such a few minutes from on breast and then an equal period from the other. The idea is that the first milk which comes out is

not so rich as the last. But there are colicky babies who cannot be straightened out by either of these methods. Dr. C. G. Grulee tells of a method which he and some of his friends have found almost a panacea for these troublesome cases Twice a day about one-half teaspoor of a good active culture of lactic acid bacilli is given. Before each nurs-ing about 15 grains of powdered pure casein is made into a paste with water and placed on the back part of the baby's torque. When the baby nurses the paste is washed into the stomach.

The casein must be pure. If it is not available some of the prepared foods composed principally of casein can be used. If neither can be secured the mother can thoroughly skim some cow's milk, card it, and enough for one dose.

In the experience of Dr. Grulee

and his friends this method will cure the baby of having colic in about a week or 10 days. If the colic is due to underfeeding this method will be quite unsatisfactory.

Choose Your Owln Illness. "I have noticed an article entitled 'Quick, Doctors, This Cargo May Cause an Epidemic.' Not being in-formed regarding the disease for which champagne is used, I would appreciate it if you would explain in your columns the medicinal advantages of champagne. I alco would like to know the hospitals to which the cargo will be consigned and if possible what doctors will prescribe this medicine. I always have understood that champagne

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was good for only one disease, i. e. the one that the government is try-ing to wipe out at the present time. for colic that will work in every case tacks of several kinds of bacteria which I have requested." REPLY. The wags on the paper turned

this letter down and sent it in to the learned editorial writers. They, too, dodged the issue. On its way to the waste basket it fell into my hands. It is fair to say that 99 per cent of this shipment will go the way of all other booze. It will be taken out on fake prescriptions and will be used to upset digestion and tions. Babies get colic just as men provoke headaches. A certain small proportion will be used medicinally. me physicians think that a sip of iced champagne is of some service in allaying nausea cases of desperate illness of which an irritable stomach is an issue. It is supposed that the carbonic acid gas is the principal factor on giving relief. There are others who say that an iced car-bonated water sipped in the same The Grand Island headqu way would have the same effect, which, by the way, consisted and that if given instead of champagne the system would be spared the harmful effects of the champagne. To this the advocates of champagne say the quantity consumed by a sick person is very small and that the effect on the nerves, liver, and digestion which he man is sobering up from champagne drunk knows all about, are not to be considered. They say do not get the effect they need from sipping iced carbonated water.

About Locomotor Ataxia. C. B. writes: "Will you please tell me the symptoms of locomotor ataxia? Is there any cure?"

REPLY. 1. One of the first symptoms shooting pains. These pains may shoot into the pit of the stomach They come and go, often manifestdifficulty in walking and in standing with the eyes closed appears. The gait is characteristic.

2. If the case is taken early, ac tive antisyphilitic treatment is service. Relief of pains can be ob-tained. After the gait symptoms have developed much can be done the way of retaining the legs. Old ataxics suffer from neglect. Their condition can be greatly improved by patient effort.

Use Salt And Water. J. H. R. writes: "How can I cure myself of pinworms? I have been bothered for more than a year."

REPLY. the only medication required in the average case. This should be repeated at week intervals for a while.

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Omaha, Jan. 12 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Those corporations seeking increase in rates from the commission, giving as the main reason the high cost of fuel, should take

into consideration the fact that coal prices are being lowered, that they have their pick of thousands of unemployed in our city to settle their rates raised, more revenue, lowering prices, less expense. Pocket the difference, and never lower rates unless compelled to. Have the promise made by other corporations representing the people or the corporations? A remedy would be for the commission to take as long a time in granting a raise in rates as he corporation takes in lowering

Nonpartisan Campaign Plans. Lincoln, Jan. 10 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The article appearing in 'Nonpartisan League Evacuates Nempression that the league has aban-

The Grand Island headquarters, which, by the way, consisted of one room and not an entire hotel floor, were devoted to organization pur-poses solely. At the time the storm con- the work of organization was stopped and because of better roads and weather conditions the league forces were moved to Kansas. However, at a no time have we ceased organization ut. work in Nebraska and at the present time there are a number of organ-izers at work in this state. There was no mystery about the closing of the Grand Island headquarters and that closing was only temporary. The league has no intention of evacuating here during the next two years and

longer.
I realize that this will not be the best of news to some readers of The Omaha Bee, but we long ago gave up any idea of pleasing them. Very sincerely, FRED CAREY.

Those who paid \$1.50 or \$2 for a 9-cent pound of sugar in fancy candy form didn't kick, because kicking is not a holiday form of ex-ercise. But when they think it over they are a bit surprised at them selves.—Brooklyn Eagle.

What's Your Share? Problem for the math. sharks: Divided by 105,000,000, how much per capita would an inauguration expense of \$50,000 amount to?—

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