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The Bee's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station.

- 2. Continued improvement of the Ne-braska Highwaye, 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.

FUEL CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT. The Calder committee report, recommending

closer federal control of the coal mining industry, which will probably be extended to include the entire fuel field, opens an interesting vista. Just how far the federal government may lawfully proceed in the direction is yet to be determined. Close construction of the Constitution of the United States will surely develop a grave doubt as to the power of congress or the president in the matter of control.

Practically fuel is a public necessity; theoretically it is subject to the police power of the government, which has been stretched in many ways to meet emergencies or to provide for the comfort of all as against the interest of the few. We may question, however, if it is the duty of the government to see that its citizens are all well housed, further than the obligation admitted to provide for those who can not help themselves. The fundamental principle of individual liberty, which is asserted again and again by the courts in the doctrine of freedom of contract and in other specific applications, contains also the corresponding principle of responsibilily, that is, that each individual must provide for himself, satisfying his own needs and gratifying his wants through the result of his own efforts. If this view is sound, then the individual is expected to provide fuel for himself or suffer from cold.

It may have been a mistake in the beginning to allow the great coal beds of the country to be taken over for private exploitation. Yet that was seemingly supported by good public policy, in that it brought the use of the fuel to millions who might otherwise have been deprived of its service. Our industrial and commercial life, in fact, our whole social existence is involved in the fuel industry. This being true, the inquiring mind is faced with the necessity of answering why we permit this basic element social existence to be controlled by a comparatively small group of owners, who have the power to arbitrarily fix the price, limit the supply, and otherwise manipulate the situation to their own benefit and the public detriment. The answer to this will be that the general experience of the country with the fuel industry has been otherwise than detrimental. Only since the disturbance incident to the war has there been acute complaint. Governmental regulation did not produce the relief expected; it did not check profiteering, in fact it apparently provided better and safer means for extortion, some of which have been applied to the limit. Now that the Calder inquiry has lighted up some of the dark places in the fuel game, the clamor for regulation will increase. If the coal barons feel the pressure, they will have only themselves to thank, because they have invited the process by their tactics. But this does not answer the main question. Has the president the power, or can congress in peace times clothe him with authority to regulate the fuel industry of the country? Is coal mining a government function, the same as railroading or steamboating? While the war was on the constitution was suspended, and the president was vested with autocratic powers; now these are stripped from him, and our government is going back to its safe mooring. Business is to be re-established on sound principles, profiteering will vanish under the pressure of competition, and perhaps even the coal mine owners may come to be controlled more effectually by the law of supply and demand than ever they will be by government regulation.

recovers his individuality and makes himself the central figure. Their faults are those of human nature, and they differ from others who have gone through great perils only in their lack of retieence.

Austria's Deplorable Predicament. The action of the Austrian government in equesting the Allies to take over the administration of affairs in that country, beginning with Saturday of this week, calls attention to one of the remarkable outcomes of the war. While it was through Austria the trap was sprung. the fate of that patchwork empire seemed determined from the first. If victory had come. to the Central Powers, the Germans in Austria would have been drawn more closely to the kaiser's empire, and the eventual absorption of the lesser would surely have followed. In event of defeat the dismemberment of the empire was inevitable. What actually has taken place, however, could not have been foreseen.

When the Czecho-Slovakian republic was set up its boundaries were extended to include Bohemia and Moravia, and with them some slices of territory which might have been alloted to the Magyars, while a considerable German element was included along the southern border of Bohemia. This started the new republic off with something of a problem, which has not diminished since. One of the effects of this has been to set up a guard on the borders almost as rigorous as that maintained along the fiting line on the western front. Political prosperity may follow, but the economic situation s deplorable. Bohemia, Austria, Moravia, Hungary, a land divided racially and religiously, with many differences in tongue and manners, are economically one, interdependent and necessary to the happiness of each other. Separated as they are, and one recent visitor says it is farther from Prague to Vienna or from Prague to Budapest than from Prague to New York. each suffers, and Austria, finally the weaker and less self-contained of the three, has collapsed.

In Hungary they expect the return to the throne of a Hapsburg, either the former Emperor Charles or his cousin, Archduke Joseph. The permission sought by Austria to unite with Germany has been denied, but a better solution has not yet appeared. It may be the good offices of the great powers can be effectively used to secure freer intercourse and exchange of commodities between what wose the three great divisions of the Austrian empire, for so only does it appear either of them can be wholly prosperous and successful. Whatever is done should be done with some expedition, as the suffering is growing with each passing day, and even the bitterest enemy of the former proud empire can scarcely wish greater humiliation for Austria than has overtaken her since that fateful day in July, 1914, when the ultimatum was dispatched to Serbia.

Town and Country Population.

Over half the people in the United States live in towns of 2,500 or more inhabitants. Many solemn sermons will be preached on this text, reminding us of the decadence that follows as the country dwindles and the town waxes. Yet those who are inclined to look on the picture as a somber presentation of our national course should be comforted with the thought that while the rural population has lost its proportional relation to the whole, its importance has not been lessened nor its activities diminished. The farms of the United States last year produced more than ever in our history, enough for all the people and an exportable balance that not so many years ago would have amounted to pretty fair total yield. The people who live in town are employed in useful occupations. Only a negligible few, very rich or very poor, belong to the ille class. While they do not produce the food they consume, they do bring forth things that are needed in the world, and provide the market for the farmer. Thus the balance is preserved. The lugubrious lines from Goldsmith's delightful poem-Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey. Where wealth accumulates and men decay. will spring into many minds, but they may be smiled at so far as the United States is concerned, because with our rapidly mounting increase in wealth with no corresponding decadence in manhood may be noted. We have the bold yeomen, just as we did in the beginning, and we have the equally bold artisans and clerks, whose service to humanity is as necessary and whose devotion to freedom is as unquestioned as if they all lived on farms.

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By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanita-tion and prevention of disease, sub-mitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The

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CHASE AFTER VITAMINES.

tion on these points be carried on the label. But, in addition, it is im-

portant to know how much mineral

salfs the foods contain and how

much vitamines. The subject of vitamines is a new

one and much concerning them re-mains to be discovered, but a dozen

or more laboratories are working

away feverishly trying to supply the missing data. One of the vitamines

Although milk is a fair antiscor-

utic, it is less valuable as such than

raw fruits and vegetables, accord-ing to Drs. T. E. Osborne and L. B.

Mendel. The vitamine which pre-vents scurvy does not stand heating

or drying well. For instance, it is less abundant in pasteurized milk, boiled milk, condensed milk

There is considerable of it in

fresh raw meat, but a good deal

less in the same meat after it has

Cooked thoroughly, there is very

liquid milk.

een cooked.

little of it left.

In determining the value of foods

is necessary to know how many lories they contain, how much it is necessary to know how many calories they contain, how much protein, carbohydrates, and fats. All this is so well established that in some states the law requires that in the case of cattle feeds informa-

diseases. The Bec.

A Line O' Type or Two Hew to the Line, let the quipe full where they may.

THE OLD HARPER. Bedesman, pray me a prayer; My garden trees are bare,

The winds are charged with snow And bitterly they blow.

They blow into my heart And tear my dreams apart: They frighten Love from home. The cold white hills to roam.

Alas! my driftwood fire is out, my storm-swept lyre A wreck; and none to care;

Bedesman, pray me a prayer. LAURA BLACKBURN.

UPON learning that Mr. Harding was in favor of a Jeffer onian inauguration. Hon. Cal Coolidge vanceled his order for a new made-up necktie.

NOT WHAT IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE. (From the Hillsboro, N. H., Messenger.)

Bartlett L. Brooks was not very much pleased with the climate of Florida, it being very not in the day time and cold at night, a change of some 40 degrees. Not finding congenial employment and being accus-tomed to being busy, he returned.

s that which prevents scurvy. On his very important subject a lot has PROHIBITION agents spilled 130,000 been learned this year. Summer milk is a very much betquarts of liquor into the gutters of Waukegan, but as it probably was very bad liquor no regret ter antiscorbutic than winter milk. need be felt.

Open, Please.

When cows are fed dry feeds and even silage their milk is poor in the antiscorbutic principle, but in the Inquired the dentist as he finished Sir: spring, when they begin to get on cleaning up the debris of an ancient third molar, "Do you feel that air?" "That air what?" rghe pastures, their milk immediately ecomes a better protector against ponded the patient, a late resident of the Ken curvy. tucky hill country. If a nursing mother eats plenty

of fresh vegetables, fruit and fresh meat, her milk contains more of HAVE you heard the present-day equivalent Wine, Women and Song?-"Bevo, Your Own the scurvy preventive. If she eats less of these foods and more dried Wife and Community Singing.' food and preserved meats her milk contains less of it.

OTHER DEMOCRATS NOT OVER IT YET PLEASE WRITE,

(From the Kalamazoogazette.)

On Election Day, Nov. 2, I got on the one-man car at about 4:30 o'clock at the corner of Rose and Vine St. and the car gave such a jerk that I fell forward and was hurt quite badly and am not over it yet. Will those on the car who saw me fall please call me? Phone 1591-J.

and dried milk than in unheated STICKERS on L-platform placards read: "If I should die tonight where and with whom shall I spend eternity?" And we observed that some purist had added an 'm' to one of them.

Efficiency.

Sir: On frequent trips to your city one picks up many valuable impressions. While in a large office I was attracted by the industrious manner in which an entry clerk wielded his pen, although it frequently carried no ink and there were blank spaces over which he had scribbled but had entered no record. Curiosity scribbled but had entered no record. Curiosity demanded an explanation, which was politely given to the effect that the Efficiency Expert had restricted the number of dips to 24 per hour. When the record seemed important it was occasionally necessary to wait for time, but usually no harm was done by allowing the pen to run dry in spots. Upon thanking him and apologizing for using ten minutes of his time, he brightly replied that no harm had been done, as he was thereby four dips ahead. C. C.

THE headline, "Morris Runs-Amuck," moves H. N. C. to suggest the form turned in by a reporter for the New York Word: "Morris Runs a Horrible Muck."

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT.

(From the Menominee Herald-Leader.)

Ten Years Ago Today: Henry Albright is in serious danger of losing one eye as the result of being cut by a beer glass in a rumpus last evening in Michael Bottkol's saloon. "EASTBOURNE-For winter months; over-

looking sea. Conducted on absolutely spiritual lines."-British Weekly. Sounds like the bourne from whence no trav-

cler returns.

ment and who saw The Bee's Letter Box 'economic" conditions. If these expressions are not in ac How to Keep Well cord with the proper idea of social order and of government, then some member of our last constitutional convention should have had the in-

Religion and Politics. Omaha, Jan. 10 .- To the Editor of able laws to protect every religious The Bee: Perhaps it is a wholesome denomination in the peaceable enjoy-

The Bee: Perhaps it is a wholesome thing to have such a discussion of God in the fundamental laws. And perhaps nothing will conduce more to clear and intelligent thinking on the subject than a reference to the constitution of Nebraska. The presemble is this: "We the Knowing that it constitution was not adopted without the means of instruction." Of course some member of the con-litution wrote these words. They enthusiasm and admiration the sight The preamble is this: "We, the people, grateful to Almighty God for knowing that it contained such expressions. If some historian can I wish he would do so. I think it is safe to assume that the name of our freedom, do ordain and establish the following declaration of rights and frame of government, as the constitution of the state of Nebrasthe person who wrote, or who pro-posed these words, was not Lenine, or Trotsky, or Karl Marx, or that of In Section 4 of Article 1 are these

Was Nebraska started right, was it started wrong?

mental truth?

telligence and the courage to pro-pose that they be cut out. Did anyone

make such a proposition? Probably

many who will read these words that

of the sod school house and the sod

church that symbolized so beautiful

ly the distinctly American ideas and

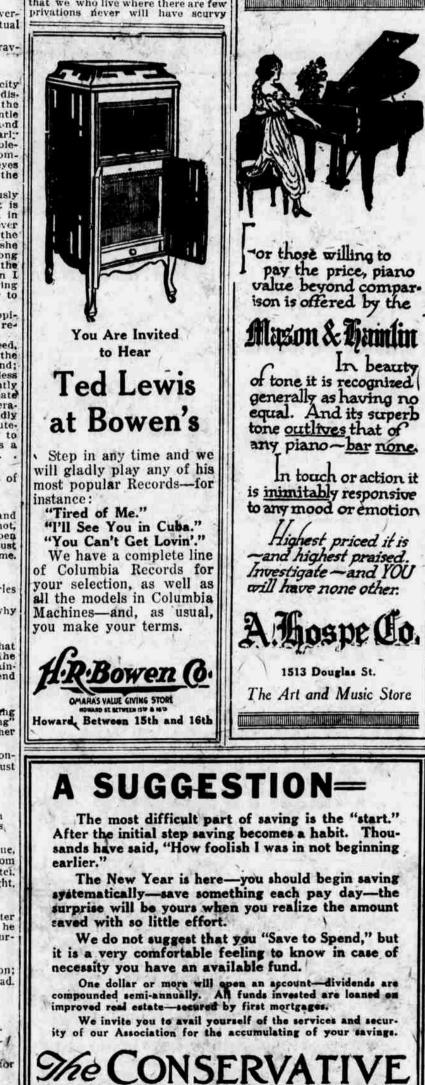
aspirations-the thorough mixture of

religion and politics, without any

narrow and tyrannical sectarianism

Where else in the world has there been a better exhibition of govern-





There is less in dried vegetables than in fresh ones. Much depends on how the drying is done. If dried quickly, considerable of it is saved. Hess and Unger found that old potatoes contained very little of it. though new potatoes contained con-siderable. Old carrots had consider-

most state health departments foster local clinics. The federal clinics are ably less than fresh ones. In fact, so rapidly is this principle or sailors, commercial and military ex-sailors, soldiers and ex-soldiers fried vegetables and vegetables

which have been kept on hand for You Have Winter Itch. Junior E. writes: "Will you please et me know what to do or take months without drying the former vitamines are so unstable as this for itch? It mostly bothers my two one. In fact, all the others are fairthighs and many a night of sleep ly stable, standing both drying and lose because I' cannot help scratch What would you advise?' REPLY

water?

1. No.

ly stable, standing both drying and cooking fairly well. The need of this antiscorbutic principle is the only leg the raw food fad had to stand on. Not much of it is needed, at that. An apple of an orange of an occasional glass of fresh eider supplies about itch. See that the air in your room is cooler and more moist.. Do not have so much cover on your bed. Grease your legs. You have winter

really need. ill we But let no one think antiscorbutics are unnecessary. It may be that we who live where there are few

A Relapse Into the Primitive.

Blood runs hot, even in the frozen north. Though all differences were sunk in the struggle for life in which the three navy balloonists wandered across the snowy wastes of northern Ontario, once freed from the perils that kept them in comradeship, grudges flare up and bitter words find vent.

Lieut. Stephen A. Farrell found on arriving at civilization that Lieut. Walter Hinton had written a letter from the Hudson Bay post, where they found safety, in which was told a remarkable story. Farrell was represented as falling exhausted and urging his comrades to go on without him; or even to use his body as food. Hinton, writing to his wife and, no doubt, wishing to reassure her trembling heart, described himself as in the pink of condition and told of stripping Farrell down to his underwear so that he would have to keep moving or freeze.

It is interesting to compare the letter written by the third member of the party, Lieut. Louis A. Kloor, jr., who wrote after the rescue to a friend in New York that "Lieftenant Farrell is weak and will have to ride most of the way."

Be that as it may, Farrell, upon learning of the published accounts based on Hinton's letter. struck him on the jaw, and told the newspaper men that he suffered much less than his companion on the adventure. It now develops that he is a champion navy pugilist and hence prides himself on his strength.

These pages from the romance of real life surpass any tale from Jack London, who so loved to write of the deeds of men amid the snows. This was a relayse into the primitive. complicated only by the modern facility of the postal service. Each man, while driven by love of life to co-operate with his fellows in one common aim, on being released from the necessity,

Business Picks Up.

Quite a number of mills and factories that closed down over their inventory periods are reopening, and a decidedly improved and more cheerful tone is reported in general business. Toledo and Detroit are among the cities in which greater activity is developing, and the number of unemployed is confidently expected to begin decreasing soon.

The success of the New York Automobile show has given an optimistic tinge to the whole industry. A million cars wear out each year, and these will have to be replaced, in addition to meeting the demand from persons who have never had a car of their own, it is said. This would seem to afford a solid basis to one line of business that was especially hard hit in the economic readjustment. High rates on railroads are counted on to increase the sales of their potential competitors, the truck and the pleasure car.

Restriction of output in other lines appears about at an end. Retall buying at the year-end sales has been heavy enough, according to reports from important centers, to necessitate replacement orders within the next few weeks. With goods bought at the new price levels filling the merchants' shelves, and with consumers short of many articles that they have not been buying freely, business is expected to take on new life. The important thing is that the public should realize that prices are now down as far as they will go, or that if they do fall farther in some lines through lack of demand, the consequences might be serious and far-reaching.

Rapid City is not violating any speed ordinances by adopting the city manager plan, but it is moving faster than many of its larger neighbors.

Seventy per cent of Nebraska's population is classed as rural, an evidence of the importance of agriculture in the state.

"Dry" ocean liners are a good advertisement but a poor investment.

It is apparent there was more than one burglar working in Omaha.

Anybody clse wishing to fly to Washington?

The Strand of Dreams. Sir: Now while Tlltzli sojourned in the city

Pms'l. he fell one starry evening into a discourse with Glyrh, a comely priestess of the high goddess Rhet. And Gtyrh with gentle words warned the minstrel of the vagaband folly of his philosophy, so that he was nearl: like to be wistful that it was not for him wholeheartedly to serve the meticulous Rhet in company with the gentle Gtyrh, for the dark eyes of the priestess were soft and kindly as the

"But in Rhet I cannot believe," querulously But in Knet I cannot believe, querinously cried Tlitzii and from all his heart, "for it is Bh'uti I seek always, whom they call Arh't in the fsland ultramarine. Yet Her I may never find in the city of Pms'l, nor at all among the ways of men. Though in Yosme's smile she mocked me, and I have seen Her betimes among the stars, or when the night-breeze sighs on the vague shore beside the wistful sea. So then I strum idle melodies on my lute-guitar, essaying thus to sing in plaintive words my way to Her.

'But thus you will surely never find happi-

"But thus you will surely never and happi-ness nor any comfort at all," said Gtyrh re-proachfully. For she did not write versess. "I am Tiltzli," replied the minstrel, "Indeed, it is a question if anyone cares at all for the songs I weave from my music-bewildered mind; certainly not they who serve the high goddess Rhet these hundred years, for perhaps rightly they deprecate the words of any unfortunate

THE wave of economy in Washington is of the spigot and bunghole sort. THE VALVE-HANDLE SNEEZE.

Sir: The handle on the value is missing, and I can't turn off the radiator. The room was hot, and I've had to "open wide the windows, open wide the door." The resultant draft has just brought a series of "kerchoos" out of me. Valve-handle sneezes, I called them. SIM NIC.

MISS EMILY DAVIS Weds Mrs. Charles Parmele.—Wilmington, N. C., Dispatch. Why don't the men propose, mama, why don't the men propose?

Civilization's Twin Temples. Sir: Took fifteen minutes to discover that the leather-lined sanctum at one end of the Pullman was the Temple of Talk. The remaining two hours convinced me that the other end was the Temple of Talc. HOWCOME.

THE HIGH COST OF TODDLING. Sir: At the Opera Club a popular young lady remarked that in one evening's "toddling" she had completely worn out the lining of her

H B. K. waist. OUR immortals will be interested in a con-test in the North Dakota senate. Mr. Gust Wog's seat is in danger.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

(From the Walsh County, N. D., Record.) A quiet wedding occurred Friday, when Francis A. Tardy of Bemidji, Minn., was, united in marriage to Miss Leeva Mess.

THAT two can live more cheaply than one, at least in Hicksville, O., is shown by a room sign plucked by L. B. R. from the Swilley hotel. It reads: "This room rents for \$1.25 per night, single; \$1 per night, double.

He Should. Sir: Mr. Treetop. 6 feet 3 inches, is a porter at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Decatur. Would he add anything to the landscape gardening sur-rounding the Academy of Immortals? W. N. C.

"LOST-Pin, vicinity Bryn Mawr L station; racket shaped pin. Edg. 7458."-Classified ad. Here's a pin you can hear drop.

WHY THE EDITOR BEAT IT. (From the Marengo Republican-News.) Baptist Church, 7:30 p. m.—Popular evening service. Subject, "Fools and Idi-/ ots." A large number are expected. THEY might at least have a poverty ball for e inauguration. B. L. T. inauguration.

A Solution.

"You are looking for an apartment, dear iriends, and we are tooking for a servant. Why not live with us and do our work?"-Lie Rire, Paris. sigh.