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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- Continued improvement of the Ne-braska Highways, including the pave-ment of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
- A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
- se Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

LEADING TO SOLID GROUND.

The American National Live Stock convention is one of the most important of our industrial groups, and its deliberations are always matters of genuine interest. Naturally, the delegates are looking out for their own welfare, and whatever resolutions they adopt may be expected to be tinged with something of selfishness, although in the main directed to a policy intended to conserve the public good. It is worthy of note, then, that one of the resolutions brought forward at El Paso this week had to do with the ultimate establishment of municipal markets for the sale of meat products.

This is in keeping with one of the alternatives proposed for a solution of the stockyards problem, that the railroads be required to take over the business and maintain the yards as anadjunct to their terminals. Such an outcome would be satisfactory enough to the packers, and undoubtedly to the growers, who recommend it. The plan would release to the packers some \$300,000,000 of capital, which could be employed in their business otherwise quite as well as it is in carrying on the stockyards, but where would the railroads, already borrowing from the government, get the money to take over the packers' burden?

The point is that each of the solutions proposed leads ultimately to the engagement of the government in business now privately carried on. One of the indictments against the Wilson administration was its meddling with business. Is it wise to propose a continuance, and even an extension of this meddling to the point of government ownership of some of the means for marketing? If we set out on such a course, where will a halt be made, short of the complete application of the Marxian doctrine? A little study of economic determinism may assist some who are very enthusiastic about governmental interference in making up their minds on this vital point.

In the meantime, it is pleasing to record hat business is getting back to solid ground, and without the sacrifice of any of the principles on which it rests. Liquidation is proceeding space, confidence is being restored, and a rerival is in prospect. Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve bank optimistically expresses himself, while the heads of the great steel corporations and other big concerns are equally confident. The little fellow, still pulling hard against the stream to make his over-strained credit and unduly expanded business weather the current of contraction does not see the port ahead, perhaps, but it is there. Some may not reach it, but the expectations are that the list of disasters will fall far short of the number anticipated a few weeks ago.

As to the world situation, this comment from the New York Times is worth reading, for it follows a careful analysis of the whole situation:

The deflation of the world's paper money and restoration of the gold standard are a matter of years, perhaps decades, even a generation. As a stopgap no nation can supply paper of the endorsed indemnity bonds. The world is waiting for them before the world budgets can be balanced and inflation stopped. If the Federal Reserve warning of 1918 is read again, it will be understood why the process through which the world is passing is not the reverse of inflation. The world is not the reverse of inflation. The world is not yet producing faster than it is creating purchasing power, and until then deflation is not begun. The world is only liquidating a commercial deadlock by bankruptcies in differing degree in various countries. It is painful surgery, but is the only way. When the world produces consumable goods faster than purchasing power, other currencies will rise to the standard of the dollar and "normalcy" will have returned between nations, as Gov-ernor Harding says it has returned to this

Lobbyists of Many Kinds.

Senator Kenyon's fear of the swarms of lobbyists in Washington will strike a hardened public as somewhat grotesque. Poor, innocent congress should be protected from the people who linger in the corridors, flock into private offices and hang around the hotels, the gentleman from Iowa exclaims. Former government officials, and ex-congressmen who have the right to go upon the floor of the house, he declares, are representing all sorts of interests and trying to influence legislation.

Oil and lumber interests are among those he singles out for special mention, and it no doubt is true that great aggregations of capital such as these have in the past exercised an evil influence in government. It is difficult, however, to separate one sort of lobbyist from another, and the tendency of late has been to set one

lobbyist to watch another. Thus, while the packers may have an agent spying out events in Washington and doing what he can to protect his clients, the stockmen, who are urging restrictive legislation of the meat industry, also have their spokesman. No congressman can hear one side of a question without having to listen to the other. The information, biased though it must be, in many instances may prove useful to the lawmakers. who obviously can not know everything, and

must rely on expert testimony. The common people have taken up the idea, and it is said that there are now more than 200 different bureaus representing public and private causes in the national capital. Ex-Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin enters the house of representatives as a lobbyist for the Smith-Towner bill for better care of maternity. The

organized farmers have three or four lobbyists, and the labor unions a full quota also.

The increase in numbers and activity of the lobby at Washington need not be taken as an indication of increasing venality in public life. It signifies instead the awakening of the people, and probably there are as many lobbyists trying to keep congress straight as there are trying to make it crooked.

Prohibition and Common Sense.

Attorney General Palmer testified before congress that he would not be surprised to see 60,000 cases handled by the Department of Justice this year under the prohibitory laws, and asked for an appropriation of \$300,000 for prosecuting bootleggers and moonshiners. Arrests under the dry laws up to October numbered 17,566, and 10,000 of that number arose in the last three months of the period, which is taken as forecasting a progressive increase for this

At the same time the bureau of internal revenue requested \$100,000,000 for fighting the outlaw liquor traffic, a sum which has been scaled down by the house to \$7,100,000. Even this figure is almost three times the amount asked by the attorney general for the detection and prosecution of all other crimes. It is difficult to view the appropriation as Congressman Volstead is said to do, as making enforcement

Prohibition, in spite of the great number of violations, has not failed in the United States. Drinking has fallen off with the abolishment of the saloon, and few indeed are the men who now consume as much liquor as they did a few years ago. There is no question but that adoption of the dry amendment was backed by the majority opinion of the land, and it is only this fact that makes any large degree of enforcement possible. If the dry laws were not backed by public opinion, not even \$100,000,000 would be sufficient to force their observance.

The overweening determination of friends of prohibition and of some of the federal agents who have violated the privacy of homes and resorted to unpopular means of checking evasions of the spirit of the law perhaps have done considerable harm to their cause. Formation of a spy system, with the resultant tremendous expense, would do more to nullify the law than would a common sense attitude in which a favorable public opinion would be maintained and increased. It will not do for the government to regard illicit traffic in liquor as more serious than burglary or manslaughter, for public opinion does not go so far. The most that is expected or desired is that the prohibitory laws be enforced just as any other part of the statutes, without unnecessary expense or undue display of authority.

"Sugar" in the Cuban Crisis.

American influence in Cuba is not strengthened nor will home respect for the State department be increased by disclosures made in connection with Acting Secretary of State Davis and his relations to the Menocal government. Since 1899 more or less scandal has been brewing because of exploitation of the island's resources by American investors. Legitimaté development of the sugar and other industries there has proceeded steadily, aided by American capital, while the example and oversight of our government has been immensely helpful to the islanders, who are struggling to maintain their

Unfortunately for all, it now develops that temporary head of the State department has been deeply involved in a proceeding that had for its end the amassing of huge profits at the expense of Cubans. It is equally lamentable that President Menocal had interposed against the promoters and on behalf of the public, while his chief political rival, former President Gomez, is interested the other way. It is quite possible that the merits of the case are on the other side, and that Menocal is merely endeavoring to evade the terms of a contract that was honestly entered into, and from which the Cubans would derive great benefits. This is a matter which must be left to further inquiry. On the surface, however, the situation presents

an aspect that is not at all edifying. The one redeeming feature of the whole affair is that our side of it is in the hands of Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, whose probity is beyond cavil, and who has the confidence of the Cubans equally with that of his countrymen The incident is illuminating as to some features of the peculiar administration that is just now coming to its close.

Woman's Dress and Weddings.

A Pittsburgh preacher gets passing attention by his action in refusing to officiate at wedding ceremonies in the evening because of the fashion of woman's gowns. He may and probably will satisfy his own conscience on the point, yet it is not likely his action will seriously affect prevailing modes. One of the peculiar characteristics of the female sex is that its members satisfy themselves as far as possible in selecting clothes, and when they have achieved that they do not especially worry as to what others think. The decollete gown came into vogue many, many years ago; it has undergone scathing denunciations of reformers and moralists; has sustained shocks from pulpit and press, has submitted to some modifications at the dictum of modistes, but has persisted in form and principle through all the vicissitudes of changing fashions and unchanging prudery. Until lovely woman changes her mind as to what she will put on or leave off, the Pittsburgh parson may rest assured he will not be troubled with a rush of wedding parties in the evening, unless he recedes from his position.

Japan's sorrow over the shooting by a sentry of an American officer on duty may be better expressed by some form of acknowledgment of the serious blunder, rather than by ingenuous explanations that the offending soldier is "very ignorant." An impression to that effect that is general over here includes the majority of the Japanese race.

Extremes met when a socialist and a royalist deputy fought in the French chamber, affording one conflict in which the public can remain perfectly neutral.

Two more republican senators were sworn in yesterday, anchoring the government that much more firmly.

Mr. Harding's cabinet will not be complete until his eraser wears out.

The snow blanket is always helpful to win-

Idle box cars are a bad sign anywhere.

A Line O'Type or Two

As when a father and his little maid Walk in the sun, and pause beside a green Where, grazing sole, is a white helfer seen At which the child is troubled and afraid

"AS WHEN A FATHER AND HIS LITTLE

stayed Until her father shows the fence between, And wins the fair and gentle beast to lean A fluttering hand, soon gladly brave-just so Time leads us, brings us nearer and more near, With every dawn and starlight, what we know Which yet, when we must touch, oft seems so mild

We e'en look up with smiling, well-beguiled.

IT is years since we read "John Halifax, Gentleman," but we must dust off the volume. The Japanese translation has a row of asterisks and the editor's explanation: "At this point he asked her to marry him."

GADDERS have many grievances, and one them is the small-town grapefruit." traveler offers the stopper of a small silver flask for an authentic instance of a grapefruit served with half of the tough interior thrown in for good measure.

A Quiet Party.

(From the Christian Register.) A quiet, not intrusive woman of 53 wishes to be the only boarder in a very quiet, really private family of steadily few adults only. Single house. Bathroom. No "music," whatever. No whistling. No to-bacco. Room, all-day sun. Steady, ample heat. Give details in full. Picture. Address A. B. C., care the Christian Register.

RECTOR'S Cafe in Miami "guarantees th service and meals to be analagous and even bet-ter through this new year." "Come on down," writes Frank Reilly, "and have an analagous

WE HAVE JUST TIME TO MAKE THE EXPRESS, WATSON.

(From the Ottumwa Courier.) Will party who called Red 1813 regarding husband's trip to Chicago, please write? Would like an appointment. Must be strictly confidential. J-4-D Courier.

A MERCHANT in Magdalena, N. M., advertises: "Twenty-four years' experience finding the pianos suitable for this 'dry' climate." The suitable piano, we should say, would be one with hollow legs.

The Original Toonerville Trolley. (From the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader.)

O. W. Lowell: Some time ago the peowere in arms, so to speak, because their slumbers were disturbed by the rattle-bang of a flat wheel on one of the cars on that line. They voiced a protest and evidently obtained the relief sought for, but at the expense of the people along the Summit avenue line, for now they are subjected to that same nerve-racking noise from probably the same flat wheel-transerred to another car. Now if the traction company will transfer that wheel to the old cattle car run on the packing house line, it would be more in keeping with the "eternal fitness of things." Come, come, Mr. Mills, why don't you buy

THE dinosaur, having two sets of brains (as we once pointed out in imperishable verse) was able to reason a priori and a posteriori with equal facility. But what we started to mention was an ad in the American Lumberman calling

Sir: My pet peeve is the man who sits next to me in the hotel lobby and laboriously explains the wheezes which appeared week before last in output. This morning he remarked: "Oh, yes,
B. L. T. used to have some good things in his
column. They weren't his own stuff, of course,
but quotations from other papers." It seems
that fame, though late, is overtaking you.

A PERPLEXED farmer in Finleyville, Pa. writes to a Chicago concern: "Haven't they any city directory in Chicago, or who is running that postoffice? I think it is time for a change." Still Able to Rise,

(From the Journal of Education.) Rarely have we enjoyed any after-dinner jollity as much as we did that of C. S. Page at the banquet of the New Hampshire Schoolmasters' Club at Laconia, at the time of the State Assocation. Still in the prime of life, 200 schoolmasters rose spontaneously when he was introduced.

USUALLY, as Harriet remarks, they have to dust off the old crutches or oil the ancient wheel chair before they can creep out of their corners But what we are wondering is, Can the C. S. Page referred to be, by any chance, Hon. Carroll S. Page of Hyde Park, Vt.? THE DICTATERS.

Sir: I have lost a year's growth since I went into business in answering questions about the letters that appear after my communications—HAM-AND. H. A. M. BEG YOUR PARDON. H. A. M.

(From the Rensselaer, Ind., Republican.) The Republican was mistaken in saying that John O'Connor, of Kniman, was in Rensselaer last Friday. Mr. O'Connor writes in to correct us, stating that he has not been in Rensselaer for over two weeks.

AS curious as the advertising form, "experience essential but not necessary," is the form used by the Daily News: "Responsible for no debts contracted by no other than myself." Lost in Wonder.

Sir: I wonder if the co-co-ed was thinking of personal magnetism when he defined fre-quency as the number of complete osculations D'ARTIGNAN.

"IT is a long time since I made the Line and I want to start the New Year right," confides M. M. F. Sorry, lady, but your starter was published in these diggings at least five

A WILD NIGHT. From the Kewanee Star-Courier.) Found—New Year's night, black tom cat, white face, blind in one eye; red rib-bon around neck. Phone 2 8-R.

"PRODUCTION in France Still Chaotic-But Workers Wear Only Silk Stockings."-Dry Goods Economist. Thanks to the Gulf Stream.

LEO POPPER & SONS are glass mer-chants in Gotham. Where do mommer and the girls come in? All Right, Put Out the Lights.

Sir: Before closing the lodge I am pleased to announce that the brown bonnet is awarded to Kelly & Derby, Inc., of Chicago. PAT HILL. "TWO Old Parties Face Attack by Women."

New York Evening Journal.
You will get it after a little study. WE have his business card before us. Nathan Brass deals in watches and jewelry in Charles-

AMONG the new publications of Richard G. Badger we lamp, "Nervous Children: Their Prevention and Management."

"HAPPY New Year. There will be no Post and Record delivery tomorrow."—Rochester Minn., Post and Record. A good start.

SPEAKING of naval holidays, Spain took one in 1898 and is still enjoying it. B. L. T. Can't Beat That One.

The greatest memorial to Roosevelt is the instant recognition of what the letters "T. R." nean.—Washington Post. A Tense Moment.

Most of us are nervously awaiting the out-come of that Tokio student debate on the sub-ject, "Shall Japan Fight America?"—Denver Rocky Mountain News.

A News Center. Two weddings, one fight and one separation since our last issue.—Clarksville Herald-Demo-

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"FOR THAT COLD!"

Dr. R. B. Fantus has the courage to predict that we will not have mon people would derive more bene-an epidemic of influenza of the Octoher, 1918, or even of the January, 1920, type during the winter and spring of 1921. He does think we generalities on the statute books then will have an unusual prevalence of fold their tents, draw the money and colds, many of which will be mild forms of influenza. He suggests that we group all these infections under the general head—catarrhal fever.

That we treat them as such. That That we treat them as such. we make no effort to separate out cases of influenza.

Having made this prophecy, he describes, in the Journal of the American Medical association, catarrhal fever, and its treatment. As 99 per cent of these cases are home treated, I pass the Fantus treatment on to

To prevent colds, keep in the cool open air as much as possible. Take cold air walks and rides, skate, snowshoe, harden yourself by exposure, that is, if you are not very old or very infirm. But if, in spite of hardening yourself, you get sick with catarrhal fever, go to bed quickly and stay there until the fever stage has been gone for about three days. To fall to coddle when you have catarrhal fever is as bad policy as is coddling as a means of prevention Get in bed and keep warm. Do not chill yourself.

Sweating may do some good if the swearing may do some good it the clothes are kept dry. Otherwise it does harm. Take a glass of lemonade, to which a quarter of a teaspoonful of baking soda has been added, every two hours during the waking hours. On 15 to 20 grains. waking hours. Or 15 to 30 grains of sodium citrate in lemon or orange drup every two hours. From half glass to one glass of water every

Cathartics should not be taken. It necessary use an enema. If there is vomiting, take no fluid or food by mouth but small enemas, two eight ounces of a 2 per cent solution of baking soda every two hours. As soon as the nausea lets up, take carbonated water and later flavored

An occasional dose of acetyl sal-icylic acid may not do harm, but taking it regularly and in quantities will.

To encourage cough, drink water freely. Opiate cough mixtures do If a laxative becomes necessary, take cascara or magnesia.

To summarize—go to bed and stay there, keep warm, drink lots of water, take lemonade containing soda. Besides that, take little and de little.

Cure is Chiefly Mental.

Mrs. M. B. S. writes: "One night at the health show my husband, whose age is 29 years, had his blood pressure taken. The examiner told him his pressure was extremely low. His general health is good, but he is for "a good all around yellow pine office man of broad wholesale experience, well posted on both ends."

His general health is good, but he 25 or 30 pounds under weight. He had rickets when he was a baby. What is the cause of low blood pressure? Must he see a physician? Is low blood pressure dangerous? REPLY.

Low blood pressure is not serious in that it is liable to cause death. a physician. People with low blood pressure generally complain of a multitude of ills. In this group belong the lackadaisical invalids who go through life as semi-invalids, 1. In many cases it is. go through life as semi-invalids, spending a good part of the time in bed with very much complained of but ill defined ills, but who generally live to a ripe old age, attending the funerals of their hale, hearty con-freres. Since men are less often in

freres. Since men are less often in a position to afford the luxury of semi-invalidism, most of the above mentioned group are women. The people with low blood pres-sure lack pep, snap, go, vigor, energy, force. They are frequently under weight, under nourished and under developed. They are sup-posed to be short on secretion of some pepgiving ductless gland. They can be cured, but not by taking medicine. Cure is a matter of train-ing. They must be taught to en-thuse, to walk, work, think and talk fast and hard; to get angry, to indulge in emotions generally. Their outlook on life must be changed. The cure is primarily mental, moral and spiritual, and only secondarily physical.

Killing Lawless Cooties. C. S. writes: "Here is my recipe for getting rid of lice, handed down to

getting rid of lice, handed down to me from my mother: 'Dissolve a lump of alum about the size of a walnut in a gallon of water (I have never measured the exact amount.) Wash the hair or the clothes, whichever it may be, then rinse in the alum water. Dry as usual. This kills the lice and the nits. One application is all that is necessary. The plication is all that is necessary. The hair will be a little harsh, as if rinsed in hard water, for a short time, but this soon passes away. Long hair does not have to be cut



tion law is certainly full of good common sense, based on sound logic, and would do more to decrease crime than any measure heretofore enacted and it seems strange that our large dailes does not comment on this more freely. If they would show the same energy in this regard they do when election rolls around, the com-For years our solons have been con-tent with sticking a few mystifying

Some years ago it was suggested to certain members of the legislature that a law compelling doctors to write their prescriptions in common English instead of Latin would be a good thing and would save thousands of dollars to the poor and afflicted. besides eliminating numerous mis-takes which creep in by using foreign language, and we would have found out how much we were paying for changing an ounce of syrup of figs from one bottle to another and putting a label on it.

Such a measure as this was very likely figured by our wise men as

off, as some people think, but can be cleaned as freely as short hair by this method. Wash and rinse the combs in the alum water also.' "Stock on the farm can be cleansed of lice by simply thoroughly wetting the hair in this solution. B ly dry spots left to harbor seed for rebreeding. Sprinkle the barns and corrals thoroughly at the same time, that nothing may be left soon to make the stock as bad as they were

Food is Probable Cause.
E. C. C. writes: "My wife is troubled with hives. Can you say anything that might encourage a least can you suggest what will give temporary relief? REPLY.

Hives is a manifestation in th skin of a nervous disorder. Back of the nerve disorder lies poisoning by some substance, generally a food. The substance responsible is something which is wholesome for the general run of people. A person with hives should (a) use witch hazel or soda baths for temporary relief. (b) Experiment to find the cause. (c) Refrain from using the substance which causes the trouble (exwhich causes the trouble (examples: breathing cat dandruff, eating salmon.) (d) Or have the condition of hypersusceptibility cor-rected. Cures are being made daily.

You Malign the "Doc."

Miss N. E. R. writes: "When I was 5 years old I had whooping cough, and the doctor checked it too soon. It left me with a bron-chial cough. I am 19 years old now, feel fine, enjoy myself at a party or a dance just as any other person would. I never am sick. I do not cough all the time, but just at certain times, mostly in the morning

when I get up.

"1. Is bronchitis curable?

"2. What could I take or do to REPLY.

You have been blaming that doctor unjustly for 12 years. How will you repair the injustice? No doctor

2. It does not seem to me you have enough bronchitis to worry about. Why do anything?



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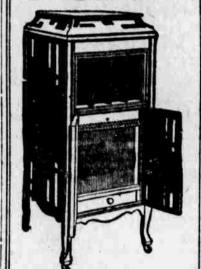
terial as no action of any kind was taken. It seems strange that the Kearney, Neb., Jan. 10.—To the Editor of The Bee: The letter by Mr. Claiborne regarding a restitucommon everyday people have to put up thousands of dollars to perpetuate the records of a vanished age, but apparently this measure, like the restitution proposition, would meet the desires of the great majority and afford some relief and those measures never have a ghost we generally get is something we as to its intent so we can spend our money in the law courts trying to find the intent and meaning of it. P. PETERSON.



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