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The Bee's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station.

2. Centinued 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

OMAHA'S CITY CHARTER.

Omaha city commissioners are going to the legislators at Lincoln today with a proposed revision of the Omaha city charter, designed to codify the existing law in a form designed to permit its transformation into a "home rule" charter by vote of the people. It will not be surprising if legisators, both from Omaha and out-state, meet the commissioners with a brass band and a banquet. For years Omaha has been going to Lincoln for a settlement of its charter difficulties. Both Omaha and the legislature are tired of the procedure; both will be glad when "home rule" for Omaha becomes a fact instead of a rainbow.

The only danger now is that the beans may be spilled en route from the kitchen to the dining room table. If the city commissioners permit themselves to be led into a trap by proposing amendments on controversial subjects, as well as a codification, this may happen easily. The out-state legislators, by constitutional amendment and legislative act have opened the door to "home rule." Now they want Omaha to make use of it. If Omaha wants them to assist by simplifying the present charter, in order to save the expense of a double election, they will help. But if, in that process, Omaha attempts to do one final job of charter tinkering-with the usual accompaniment of uproarious argument, personal vituperation and numerous delegations in battle array—then the legislators are apt to show "thumbs down" on any and all charter proposals.

Varous changes in the charter are being proposed from within and without the city hall. Some are good, some are not so good. Most involve differences of opinion on the part of various elements of the electorate. If the city commissioners incorporate these amendments in the general charter bill, trouble is well night certain. Those who oppose "home rule" can ask nothing better for its defeat than such an amalgamation. By attacking this and that amendment they can easily arouse legislative opposi-

Entangling alliances, in this as in other things, are dangerous. Let the codification of the charter be one bill; let the various amendments stand on their own feet.

Corn for the Starving.

Millions starve in Europe and millions more in China, while in the corn belt of the United States are great stores of yellow grain that seem scarcely to have a market. It was in Omaha that the idea of connecting up this dearth and plenty first arose, and now J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, brings it into national prominence. No one need starve for want of food, and the farmers of the west stand willing to give generously from their corn' cribs if the relief organizations will finance its shipping, Mr. Howard declares,

· Herbert Hoover is reported to favor shipping corn to China, but not to Europe, believing that rice and condensed milk are more suitable for the children who will be his care. To a certain extent this may be true, although the popular impression that America is the only country knowing how to utilize corn for human food is erroneous.

Corn probably is a native of America, but its cultivation has spread over the world. It was introduced into Spain by returned explorers in the 15th century, and reached France 100 years later. From Spain it also spread into Italy, and from thence into Switzerland, Austria and Southeastern Europe, and thence into the Rhine valley. The Portuguese are given credit for carrying the seed to Asia and Africa. Having grown this crop, the people of the world are familiar with it as a food, and even were they not, they would probably prefer it to the roots and bark of trees which now is the only food

The farmers in many cases are not able to give money to these good causes, but undoubtedly stand willing to divide with the famine stricken people their super-abundance of food. This charity is not without its practical side, for undoubterly the future market for corn would be expanded by developing more of a taste for it, and it is not altogether unlikely that the value of the corn remaining in the farmers' hands would be increased if large shipments abroad should be made this season.

Yet it is not in selfishness that Nebraskans are urging that corn be utilized in the name of relief. The most practical of all reasons is that we have a surplus of corn and that if those who are ahunger can be given access to it, humanity will be served with least waste and most effec-

Value Received from Taxes.

At times of scares such as recently brought heavy police guards to the homes of J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and other wealthy or prominent citizens of New York, it becomes more apparent why they should be willing to pay heavy taxes. It is not only that they are able to pay more than poorer men, but that their need of the state is greater. And, in this case, the cost to the state of protecting them in their rights is also larger.

When citizens contribute to the income of the verament, they are paying fundamentally for the upholding of their right to life, liberty and

the pursuit of happiness. The concessions man makes to organized government are less than the benefits he receives. This must be true, or governments would not exist and anarchy would be preferable.

Sell School Bonds in Omaha.

While the Board of Education is considering a method to secure the funds needed for the erection of the High School of Commerce building, it might adopt a plan in line with the suggestion already made by The Bee that the citizens be given an opportunity to purchase the bonds. Some consideration has been given this thought by certain of our influential citizens, and they are of the opinion that means may be obtained for carrying on at least that portion of the building campaign which includes the new high school without either raising the interest rate or discounting the bonds. Omaha citizens subscribed a million dollars to provide Ak-Sar-Ben Field, an amusement enterprise, from which only indirect returns will come. Is it unreasonable to think that they will be as ready to purchase bonds which are backed by their own credit, the object being the construction of a school building all agree is sorely needed? Why not offer the bonds in small denominations to the citizens, and see if they are unwilling to finance their own schools?

Prayers That Made History.

At the age of 72 years the blind chaplain of the house of representatives, Rev. Henry Noble Couden has retired on a pension. Through the stress and storm of the last 25 years his prayers have gone up for those who make our laws. Twice in this time he, who had lost his sight while a youthful soldier in the Civil war, blessed the nation as it took up arms. His-prayer on the day congress declared war against Germany was not only a model of brevity, but ranks as an historical document. It went thus;

Almighty God, our heavenly father, we know not how or why, but we are here, and we believe enough the promptings of infinite love. Thou hast imbued us with the marvelous faculties of mind and soul, and bade us go forward day by day to new achievements and larger life. Help us, we beseech thee, to think wisely and act conscientiously, and to leave the rest to a wise providence which has never yet failed us. And everlasting praise we will give to thee through him who taught us how to live and how to die for liberty, justice, truth and righteousness. Amen.

As the struggle lengthened out there developend both pathos and a burning hope in the daily supplications of the chaplain. When the sinking of the transport Tuscania brought the first real shock of war, his plea became not vengeful, but more fervent:

Of old thou didst encourage the saints with unusual evidence of thine approval. We are far from laying claim to be saints, dear Lord. Yet we sincerely and humbly believe that in our stand for justice and humanity we are supporting a cause that is precious to thee. Give unto us, therefore, courage and cheer, and tokens of thine approval and signs of

Then, with the signing of the armistice, he prayed for wisdom's descent on the victors, that wars should forever end, saying in part:

Hostility has ceased. Democracy is spreading its wings over the earth. Autocracy, military kaiserism and all the evils connected with them shall cease to be. Freedom, liberty, truth, justice, righteowaress, live, to the glory and honor of Thy holy name.

Perhaps not all the good that any of us hoped and prayed for has come out of the world conflict, but the prayers of the blind soldier-chaplain in congress will live to tell future ages of the ideals which sustained America during the world's time of agony.

Alfalfa Hay and Freight Rates.

Anyone who heard the "Tadpole" chorus lift its tuneful voice in harmonious rendition of "Alfalfa Hay" out at Ak-Sar-Ben's Den knows the pride Nebraska takes in one of its principal products. Supporting this honest feeling are the figures from the expert crop estimator at Lincoln, who presents an exhibit showing that Nebraska at last has produced more alfalfa than Kansas. In this state last year 1,232,947 acres brought forth 3,527,689.5 tons, an average of 2.86 tons per acre, which is some fair hay yield, and on December 1, 1919, this had an estimated farm value of \$35,276,895, or about \$10 a ton. Since that time the price has slumped materially, and the farm value is correspondingly less. "Very good," says the alfalfa raiser, "but what am I going to do with my hay, now that I have it? Freight rates at present are such that the price in Omaha will just about pay transportation charges from the field to city market." The easy answer is to feed the alfalfa to stock close to the meadows where it grew, but this suggestion does not arouse much enthusiasm. Some further readjustment will have to take place before thte alfalfa owner will be as jubilant over his achievement as is the recorder of crop yields.

One a Minute, or More.

Of the supply of the gullible there seems to be no limit. No scheme is too diaphanous to fail entirely of ensnaring some. Just promise the certain reward of inordinate profits to be had for small investment and no risk, and the rest is easy. One of the latest of the exemplifications of this time-tested truth is afforded by the experience of the investors in German marks. Some actuated by a sincere desire perhaps to help the Germans, others lured by the handsome gains that were to follow the sure ascent of the mark in its value, took the word of the promoters and gave honest-to-goodness United States money for bales of so-called German currency. Now it developes that most, if not all, of this German money was printed in this country, and is intrinsically worth an equal weight in Russian roubles, which means what it will bring at the junk store as waste paper. Boston police, who uncovered the swindle, estimate the amount enticed from the deluded victims at around \$5,000,000. Mr. Barnum was

Missouri has a "reform" governor, which is another way of saying that he has just taken office and hasn't had time to demonstrate that he is pretty much like all other executives.

At any rate, Cuba is calmer since Crowder.

A Line O'Type or Two

SHOULD caprice again motivate us to change the motto of this column, we could hardly improve on a warning which we lately observed affixed to a building in process of construction: "Look out! Men working over your head!"

Overheard in Mandel's.

"I seen my sister's baby last night."
"Which sister, the married one?"

AS you gathered from a recent ad, the holiday season in Mexico City was gay. A writer for the English section of Excelsion, attempting to quote Bryant, was uncommonly inspired, as

'He who from zone to zone, Guides thro' the bountless sky thy certain flight, In the long way that I must treat alone Will head my steps aright."

"RATHER than commit suicide, go to a hospital and ask the doctors to make experiments on you. But to kill yourself is to be a quitter. The American.

What, my dear Watson, in the name of the great horned Dilemma, do you make of that? "MILLIONS of dollars have been spent on the naval station," says Capt. Moffett, who, being-a mere naval man, does not understand the workings of the administrative mind. The fact that millions of dollars have been spent on the station is one reason for thinking that it will be

WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHAT'S THE MATTER.

(From the Daily Iowen.) Some 100 persons, who were enjoying the pleasures of ice-skating on the Iowa river last night, had the darker side of the sport brought suddenly to mind by the cries of "Help! Help! Help!" when Dwight Avis A1 of Des Moines broke through the

and fell into the chiming got out by the aid of planks.

"MY own idea," differs W. E. D., "is that the present wave of crime would be a great deal worse if it were not for prohibition." Does not pacity, for each person using the tank. A tank for a school with 400 pupils should be 24x8x7.

The tank should be located in the house as practi-

YEO-HEVE-HO! It was a gallant farmer lad
Enlisted in the navy.
"Give me," said he, "the deep blue sea,
The ocean wide and wavy!"

A sailor's uniform he'd don, And never would he doff it. He packed his grip and soon was on His way to Captain Monett. In cap of white and coat of blue

He labored for the nation, A member of the salty crew That worked the Naval Station. He soon became the best of tars, A seaman more than able. By sweeping streets and driving cars.

And waiting on the table. He guarded gates, and shoveled snow, And worked upon the highway.

"All lads," said he, "should plough the seat,
And would if I had my way."

Week-end he took a trolley car, And to the city hied him, Alongside of another tar Who offered for to guide him.

The train rolled o'er a trestle high,
The river ran below him.
"Well, I'll be blamed!" our tar exclaimed,
And grabbed his pal to show him.

"Yes, dash my weeping eyes!" he cried,
"That's water, sure, by gravy!
The first blue water I have spied

Since joining of the navy!"

Now, "landsmen all," the moral's plain: Our navy still is arming.

And if you'd plough the well known main,
You'd best begin by farming.

If you would head a tossing prow, Among our navigators.
Get up at morn and milk the cow,
And yeo-heave-ho the 'taters.

Do up your chores, and do 'em brown, And learn to drive a flivver; And some day, when you go to town, You'll see the raging river.

MARY GARDEN is to head the opera, but she will not be a figurehead; and that is passing strange, you see, because she has the figure and she has the head.

ADD EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

(From the Francesville Tribune.) Unincumbered, educated widow, wishes position as housekeeper in well-to-do backelor or widower's home. High-class services rendered and good salary expected. Address Lock Box 282, Francesville, Ind.

ANOTHER glimpse of those placards, "If should die tonight where and with who shall I spend eternity" set us wondering, not where and with whom we should be obliged to pass eternity, but where and with whom we should like to dissipate the aeons. Zero in Thrills.

Sir: I nominate for membership in the League for Making Virtue Odious the House-wives' League of Toledo, which is kicking up a fuss because window dummies have their clothes changed in public. Did you ever get a thru?
W. E. W.

A VARIANT of the form, "experience essential but not necessary," is used by the Racine Times-Call, as follows: "Wanted, secretary-treasurer for a local

music corporation; must also have a knowledge of music, but not essential." WE FEAR SO.

Sir: We are advised that Gov. Gardner's address has been changed from "Executive Mansion, Jefferson City, Mo.," to "care of St. Louis Coffin Co., St. Louis." Does this mean . . . ?

M. L. H.

WE simply cannot understand why Dorothy Pound, pianist, and Isabelle Bellows, singer, of the American Conservatory, do not hitch up for a concert tour. "BEFORE THE SWALLOWS DARE." (From the Ironwood, Mich., Globe.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gale and son, Allie, will leave this evening for the south. Mr. Gale will return in March. And Then Turned Over Again. (From the McGregor, Ia., Times.)

The bells of town rang the old year out and the new year in last Friday at mid-night. Many citizens, awakened from slum-ber, thought there was a fire. CHILDREN say "don't" for "doesn't" so nevitably that we believe they must get it from

following the newspaper cartoons and comicst THE DEVASTATING COST OF TODDLING. Sir: In that connection I might say that a week of toddling with girls with their blinksty-blank bar-pins on cost me one new dress vest and one new set of silk lapels. G. T. W.

IN selecting the members of his cabinet Mr. Harding might add to his requests: "Experience essential but not necessary." B. L. T.

Pride of the Cities:

Toronto claims to be the twelfth largest city in America. Quite a proportion of her citizens will probably cling to that position as long as possible, being relieved since she passed the 17th. Meanwhile Neepawa has the proud position of 176th in Canada and Niverville the 38,278th.—Father Avate.—Manitoba Free Press:

Difference in Kisses. French scientist says a kiss weighs two milligrams. Pshaw! We've read of cases where they balanced their weight in \$50,000 gold.—Philadelphia Inquirer

How to Keep Well

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

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RURAL SANITATION..

In New Hampshire they have made use of a type of small septic tank for nearly 12 years. The people are well satisfied with it. So thoroughly are they satisfied with it that the state board of health of New Hampshire recommends it not only in that state but to the people of the northern section of the United States in general.

H. R. Croburst of the United Hampshire recommends it not only in that state but to the people of the northern section of the United States in general.

H. R. Croburst of the United Hampshire they have made is as large as a good sized marble. She says if she presses it or it is hurt in any way it sends a sharp pain to ber head. I have wanted her to wait until school is over to have it removed. So as not to interfere with her work.

"1. Would it be safe to wait?

"2. Is this second growth separate or a part not removed by the first operation?

nited States in general.

H. R. Crohurst of the United first operation?

"3. What causes the sharp pain?

"3. What causes the sharp pain? States public health service thinks it can be successfully used in the it can be successfully used in the south, as well, provided the plans be slightly modified to suit the climate and the south and and might it cripple her hand?
"6. Is there a better way to get

mate and the soil.

The people who live in cities and towns where there is a sower sys-tem know that their typhoid rates and infant diarrhoea rates have been lowered thereby. But they do not know how difficult is sewage disposal where there are no sewers.

These new standards of health, which nearly every one now demands, create discontent with conditions which satsfied us 25 years

ago.

The New Hampshire type is suited to homes in which 20 or more people Nye, or to groups of homes in which a total of more, than 20 people live, and which are so situated that they can use a common septic tank.

The details of the New Hamp-shire type are these: The septic tank should be at least 6x3 ½ x4 ½ feet, with a capacity of 94 cubic

cessful following of which a clear head is essential?

TAKE KEER O' YOURSELF.

Sir: As soon as I can buy a derby coming down to my ears and can be photographed wearing it and holding a cigaret, I shall show the pictures to the booking agents and get three years vaudeville time.

SPEAKING of the naval station, you may have forgotten the stirring ballad which we wrote about it during the war. If so—

YEO-HEVE-HO:

pupils should be 24x8x7.

The tank should be located in the yard as near the house as practicable. It should be covered by 12 to 15 inches of soll. It should be built of concrete (the large tanks with reinforced walls), with a tight fitting cover, and no ventilation. There should be baffles. The inlet and outlet pipes should enter so as to allow 12 to 15 inches of gas between the sewage and the top of the tank. These tanks should have an elbow and a short arm running an elbow and a short arm running three feet before the sewage level.

The effluent should run off by tiles. The pipe to the septic tank from the house should be four to six inches in diameter, glazed and laid with cemented joints and with a fall of one foot to the hundred.

The discharge from the septic tank is carried away by tile four to six inches in diameter and laid with a fall of two to three inches to the 100 feet. The first 10 or 12 feet from the tank should be glazed tile laid with cemented joints. After that the tiling should be

porous and laid with open joints. The top of the tile at the joint line should be covered with tar paper or and make you feel fine at once, and burlap and the end with some straw they cost so little at drug stores to keep the soil from working into "It is very much better to provide the septic tank outfall with a dosing chamber and automatic syphon discharge and to guard its entrance

by a grease trap. Whether the effluent is to be discharged into a leaching cesspool, blind drain, or subsurface tile system depends on the type of soil. Also whether a double line of tile in a tile trench is to be laid and the total length of tile to be used are determined by the kind of soil.

All details are given in a special bulletin of the New Hampshire board of health, and also in the public health reports, December 10, Daughter Has a Bursa. Mrs. M. C. S. writes: "My daugh-ter had a growth on her thumb re-moved by operation. It contained a white, jellylike substance. Now

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JOURNALISTIC JABS.

A Greek prince is to marry Rumanian princess and a Rumanian prince is to marry a Greek princess. Looks like more trouble in graph. the Balkans.—Kansas City Times.

Haitian cannibals are reported to

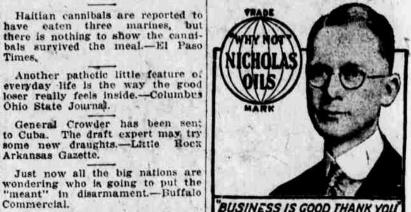
bals survived the meal.-El Paso

Another pathetic little feature of

General Crowder has been sen;

Ohio State Journal.

Tennessee legislature provides for the prohibition of all passengers and freight train service on Sundays. Next!-Pittsburgh Chronicle Tele-



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A "reform" bill introduced in the

The danger in kissing lies not so much in the possibility of spreading

disease as in the probability of con

tracting a lawsuit.-Sioux City Trib-

1. It would. This is a bursa. Bursas are of practically no im-2. It is separate. 3. Probably reflex. cating sacs called bursa. If they overdo and accumulate too much lubricant we have the tumor de-

5. No to both questions.
6. "Jack Jones, the boiler man, cures them by hitting them with the edge of a board."

at it than by operation? Is it bound

REPLY.

to leave a scar?"

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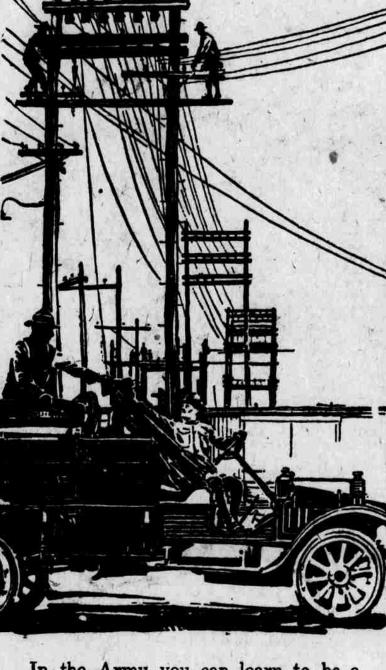
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