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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.

#### House Roll No. 1 Once Again. In the report of the legislation and taxation committee of the Omaha Real Estate Board is

found the following statement: The only excuse for the municipal ownership of utilities is the promise of better serv-

ice, or lower costs, or both. That sentence fairly sums up the case for municipal ownership. If House Roll No. 1, as drafted and presented to the legislature, held out the promise either of better service or of lower costs, reason for its consideration might be found. It does neither, and the utmost argument offered in its behalf by its promoters is that it will open a third way for the people of electricity for lighting and power.

One of the provisions of the bill gives to the Metropoltan Water District control of street lighting, a monopoly of service. Rates for service to be fixed by agreement between the commissioners and the Water board, and in event of their failure to agree, then by the State Railway commission. Nothing in this assures a lower rate, but the application of the provisions will effect a divided service. The Water board will not immediately take over the entire businss of street lighting, but only as its proposed plant is extended to cover the service. Under this plan of piecemeal progression, the city would be dealing with two organizations for one service, and while the Water board might seize the downtown lighting, that of the outlying districts would remain indefinitely with the Nebraska Power company. How this would benefit the public is nowhere explained, while the unfairness of the plan is obvious.

That is a single phase of the possible effect of Mouse Roll No. 1. One other very serious objection to it is that it does not give the city any advantage it does not now postess. If a majority of the citizens desire to engage in the business of furnishing electricity for commercial the United States and not for any foreign govand domestic uses, the fact may be easily ascertained by an election. Such election may be called by the city council, or may be brought about by the petition of the citizens. Existing plants may be purchased or a new one erected. Nothing in House Roll No. 1 improves this

A further objection is that at present the rates for service by the Nebraska Power company are determined by the city council. Under the pending bill this power would be taken to Lincoln for it is conceivable that disagreement between the council and the Water board might easily be brought about, and then the State Railway commission would decide. Omaha folks are seeking home rule. Such a goal will not be attained by further dispersing the powers of government, especially by triplicating the power

to secure ownership of a lighting plant.

The Bee again suggests to the legislators that they can do the people no better service than to allow them the privilege of passing on this important matter for themselves in conformity to existing law.

#### Fire Imperils the Constitution.

The fire which recently caused \$2,000,000 damages in the ceusus bureau has been followed by the destruction of valuable campaign records in the Harding headquarters in Marion. These two conflagrations have served to call to public attention the danger that surrounds the original of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. These historic documents now repose in an ordinary safe in the State, War and Navy building, neither secure against fire or water, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Senator Smoot has introduced a bill to prohibit smoking in public buildings, but enactment of this measure would not prevent fire starting from other cause, and it is declared that the safe containing the Constitution would not last twenty minutes in a hot blaze. More than six years ago congress authorized the construction of a fireproof archives building, but the necessary appropriation has never been made. Any real program of economy must take cognizance of the peril in which government documents of all sorts now stand, and if ever an expenditure was warranted it would seem to be one for proper housing for our charters of national liberty.

### The White House Cook-Elect.

The south, so to speak, will no longer be in the saddle, but it will rule in the kitchen when Warren G. Harding moves into the White House, Dusky Inez McWhorter, in spite of her Scotch name, is from Georgia, and has been the Harding cook throughout his term in public life. These best minds who lately visited Marion found refreshment and inspiration in her crisp waffles and chipped beef with gravy, and even if senatorial consent were necessary for her appointment over the presidential range, she could be sure of it.

Real southern cooking is unexcelled by any chef from France, and the world can rest secure in the knowledge that indigestion or dyspepsia will never lay its woeful hand on President Harding, to find is way into his official acts. It is even soothing to the eye to read of the way Inez cooks potatoes au gratin, although it might perplex the ear to hear her pronounce the name. little water and keeping the lid on till the very stop.—Dallas News.

last to keep them from getting soggy. Then she peels and mashes them till they are like clvet. After adding salt, butter and milk, she covers in a baking pan, with chopped onion, and then spreads thick with grated cheese and a bit of butter. Baked brown in the oven, as Inez says, "It's fit enul fer a king."

But Inez has no desire to cook for crowned heads, and is content with the praise of the president-elect. "He's a man of sense," she declared to a back door interviewer, "an' a good man who will serve everybody right. He was appointed by the Lord."

Doubtless Mr. Harding feels that his cook was sent by the same happy means.

#### Merchant Marine in Muddle.

When the United States devoted more that billion of dollars to the building of eargo carriers and transports during the war, the geal of restoration of the American merchant marme was thought to be in sight. Operations were carried on after an extravagant fashion, but the urgency of the occasion seemed to justify to some extent certain practices that would not be tolerated under different conditions. We are now asked to charge off the entire amount, less the scanty salvage return, adding the sums expended to the cost of the war. Out on such basis can the books be balanced and the transaction justified.

Accepting this course as the wisest, it is neither pleasing nor comforting to note how the generous impulse of the people was abused in time of war, nor does it reassure any to be told that some of the condemned practices are being carried over into peace days. Senator Jones, author of the shipping bill passed by the last session of congress and signed by the president, has accused P. A. S. Franklin of New York, president of the International Mercantile Marine company, which is operating forty government-owned vessels under lease, of fostering British shipping interests at the expense of American. According to Senator Jones, the company headed by Franklin has an agreement entered in 1903, with the British Board of Trade. under the terms of which it agrees to do notin-Omaha to engage in the business of furnishing ing inimical to the shipping interests of Great Britain, the decision being left to the Board of Trade officials.

Mr. Franklin vehemently denies the assertions of the senator, who supports his accusations with a copy of the agreement. Franklin iras appealed to William Denman, former chairman of the Shipping Board, but Mr. Denman says that the president of the International Mercantile Marine not only double-crossed him, but also Gen. Goethals and Chairman Hurley, concealing the agreement with the English shipowners from the American authorities.

Here is another unsavory bit of scandal. growing out of the efforts of the government to produce ships and to revive our ocean-carrying trade. The agreement dates from 1903, but proof is offered that it is now effective in discriminating in favor of New York against Gulf | Times. and South Atlantic ports, as well as adversely affecting newly established steamship lines. Excuse for suclf an understanding, might have been found in 1903, but at this time Americans are interested first in their own ships, and such an understanding should have no place in our external commercial relations. Ships paid for and dwned by the United States ought to work for

#### The Missionary of Prosperity.

As never before it is realized that in the long run the interests of business and the interests of the public are nearly, if not quite identical. When before has there been such relief at the news that factories, hundreds of nuces away, are working full blast? The rise of a new spirit of understanding and co-operation is to be found in the fact also that when the Nebraska Federation of Retailers, in its convention here, announces that business is picking up, no man whatever his occupation, but gathers new confidence for himself.

It is apparent that business can not be good for one class of our population and be poor for all others. If merchants can see the approach of a business boom, it can only be because the prosperity of the entire country is on a firm foundation. In other words, full employment and good wages, the passing of wasted extravagance and the rejuvenation of all productive agencies of farm and factory are the essentials of the prosperity of the retailer. The man who refuses to rejoice at the good fortune of his fellows would be cutting off his nose to spite his face if he wished them ill.

It is indeed cheering to hear, and see the optimistic retail merchants of Nebraska. It is worth noting that they regard advertising as the economic missionary of national salvation. Advertising sells their goods, necessitating new orders to factories, which will straightway afford employment to thousands who are now doing nothing and spending nothing, a demand for raw materials will spring up, and the circle of good times will once more be complete.

Pussyfoot Johnson, who makes the point that prohibition is as well enforced as the old closing laws for saloons, displays a knowledge of alley entrances that is unexpected.

England, having made peace with soviet Russia, has only transferred the struggle between its theory of government and that of the communists to another plane.

Governor Cox, who announces his intention to become a private in the ranks of the democratic party, may find himself the only man who is not a general.

As we understand it, before America will kiss and make up with Russia, Lenine must denationalize whiskers and let all the barbers out of prison.

The soldier who tried to sue the government for damages might have established a precedent that would have made wars even more expensive.

The Mississippi wild man who caught himself a wife in a steel trap is the first man who could be sure that he was not roped in.

Now that they are using ostrich skin for hoes and plumes for hats, its appetite is about all that is not being utilized.

Notice, please, that the Chicago woman who beat off a boy bandit is named Mrs. Ruff.

After You, Fellers. It seems that Japan and Brita'n want us to

### A Line O' Type or Two

UPON JULIA'S ARCTICS. Whenas galoshed my Julia goes, Unbuckled all from top to toes, How swift the poem becometh prose! And when I cast mine eye and see Those arctics flopping each way free, Oh how that flopping floppeth me!

"ACCORDING to Dr. Eliot, Americans are the Health Crusader plan for teachmore and more becoming subject to herd impulses, gregarious impulses, common emotions, and he is considerably annoyed. Heaven be praised if what he says be true! He would have individuality released; which is precisely what do not want. Americans are not individuals, and they are not free, but they think they are. hand. Therefore is America, in these troublous times, an island in chaos, where civilization, like Custer, will make its last stand.

#### Or Camouflage.

(From the Musical Courier.) When music reviewers throw handfuls of adverse adjectives at progressive modern compositions and thereby hamper operation the musical machinery of the should not such action come under the head of critical sabotage?

TO a man desiring a position in Mr. Harding's cabinet, nothing more disastrous can happen than to be favorably considered by the president-elect. It is equivalent to his elimination.

THE DICTATERS.

Sir: I feel that the time has come to call your attention to a letter received from C. A. Neuenhahn of St. Louis. It concludes CAN-IT.

A. E. W. AS the English periodicals say, "The discus-

THERE is a good story about H. J. Byron, the dramatist, in Hibbert's "A Playgoer's Memories," recently published. His groom, reporting that a horse was sick, said, "I think I'll give him a ball." "All right," said Byron; "but don't it is time for the propagandists to take stock. I wonder if they would make more headway if they

At dawn I saw the moon more large and bright Than she appears when trees have fallen still After the sun is down and heaven grows chill, And all that realm was hers save where two

And frosty stars bemocked the sight, Pricking, and dying out at their sweet will Above the oak, so quiet on the hill,

That guards the nest at half his body's height.

Silent the roofs neath which the sleepers lay; Yet now and then pale smoke in stillness born Rose quickening on the air and sped away like, and from his yard a cock forlorn Sent forth the self-same cry to lagging day That floats along brown fields at early morn

THE biggest bridge in the world is to span THE biggest bridge in the world is to spen can be used. A piece of soft pine-tic Hudson river at Fifty-ninth street, New stick such as a sharpened match York. As a feat of construction this will be stem will help.

almost as remarkable as Chicago's boulevard I wonder if we put enough stres link, which, one gathers from the fuss made about it, recalled the labors of Hercules.

OH, SORRY! The Boss: "There is too much whistling in the idea of equipment and concen-The Transcript (by me): "There is too much histling in the gravey."

Do you know any laundry that needs help?

"IS Mary Garden Going to Get Away With No, Says Walter Damrosch."—New York kindly give me a little advice about my baby? Whenever he nurses he Walter does. Why not Mary?

"O. M. ADAMS, superintendent of the board He is 6 months old. I feed him public welfare, visited twelve public dances last Saturday night, remaining out to 2 a. m.'

We trust the good man was suitably chaperoned, and that no flirtatious wench winked a roving eye at him in the short, wee hours. THE NEW YEAR.

(Thomas Hardy in The Athenaum.) OLD STYLE. Our songs went up and out the chimney Our allemands, our heys, poussettings,

Our hands across and back again, Sent rhythmic throbbings through the casements On to the white highway. Where nighted farer paused and muttered,

"Keep it up well do they! The contrabasso's measured booming Sped, as the old year touched his bounds To shepherds at their midnight lambings, To stealthy poachers on their rounds; And everybody caught full duly The notes of our delight,

As Time unrobed the Youth of promise Halled by our sanguine sight.

NEW STYLE. We stand in the dusk of a pine-tree limb, As if to give eaf to the muffled peal, Brought or withheld at the breeze's whim; But our truest heed is to words that steal From the mantled form that looms in the gray. To feature bereaved humanity,

As it sighs to the imminent year its say: "O stay without, O stay without. Calm comely Youth, untasked, untired Though stars irradiate thee about Thy entrance here is undesired.

Open the gate not, mystic one; Must we avow what we would close confine good friend, we would converse no Albiet the fault may not be thine." A CONTRIBUTOR being advised by an

other to read a passage from Corinthians, "At last," exclaims Sim Nic, "I have found use for the inevitable Gideon Bible!" THE SECOND POST.

(Received by a construction company.) Dear Sir I an writhing you and wanted to know that can I get a book from your company which will teach me of oprating steam and steam ingean. I was fireing at a plant not long ago and found one of your catlogs and it give me meny good idol about steam. I have been opratin steam for the last 12 years for I know that there are lots more to learn about steam and I want to learn it so I will close for this time expect-

ing to here from you soon.

A SIGN announces: "Evangelist N. K.
Dixon Who Hates Sin at 7:30 p. m." Our small experience has been that sin is much more hateful at 7:30 a. m.

FULL MOON. The full moon walks tonight on the frozen river; The young winds dance before her and scatter The silver frosts crown her with sparkling star-

But the shaggy firs only stare and wonder And crowd to touch the diamonds that fall on their rough robes.

BERTHA TEN EYCK JAMES OBSERVING the sign, "Suits reduced onehalf, and even less," we went in and asked for

the one-half reduction. SMALL TOWN STUPEFACTION. (From the Parkersburg, Ia., Eclipse.)
Ben Miller's houn dog Fannie did not
make her daily trip with Mr. Miller downtown Tuesday morning.

SOMETHING, not much but something might be accomplished by burying one or two highwaymen at the crossroads of Madison and Dearborn, "with a stake in their insides."

GO IT WHILE YOU'RE YOUNG. (From the Macomb Journal.) Miss Elizabeth Blackstone went it. WE gather from Senator Borah's remarks that he does not consider Mr. Root to be Mr. Harding's "control." May we wonder, then,

#### A Suspicious King.

Meanwhile, the high-flung pennant in dramatic criticism, fixed aloft years ago by Eugene Field, challenges the field. Mr. Field wrote of a certain Richard III.: "Mr. Blank played the king as though he feared some one were about to play the ace."—Kansas City Star.

#### Parrots Taught by Phonograph.

A new use for the phonograph is the teach

Questions 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.

Copyright, 1921, by Dr. W. A. Evans. TITLES TO TOOTHBRUSHES. In the schools of Cook county ois outside of Chicago, they us

ing the children health habits. Last November a visiting nurse attending one of the schools went before the pupils in a certain schoolroom and asked each one who owned a toothbrush to hold up his or her Two hands went up. asked one of these children if she had brushed her teeth. To this the girl answered no. She said the toothbrush belonged to her aunt, and the aunt got angry when her niece used the brush. Somewhat upset, the nurse asked the second pupil, this time a boy, whether he brushed his teeth. Again the answer was no. This time the explanation was as follows: He had found the toothbrush along the railroad tracks and his father had told him not to use it for fear he would catch some disease from it.

In this schoolroom 100 per cent of the children did not use a tooth brush, while only 10 pen cent owned such an article, and in those cases the title was in doubt. I have seen various statements as to the propor tion of school children brushing their teeth once a day. statements the proportion is around

not make more headway if they taught that the teeth should be cleaned in any way that is conven-ient and put less emphasis on brushes and brushing and how to

The teeth can be cleaned very well y using a cloth held on the end of the finger. They can be cleaned burden on your eyes. Therefore, see well with a piece of paper, especial- to it that the illumination of your y tissue or toilet paper held in the After the paper has been covered with a soft pulp by saliva or water it will clean out corners and recesses exceptionally well. and recesses exceptionally well. A little powder or even soap will help. Of course, a good tooth powder is better, but most any kind of powder

upon the cleaning of each tooth, doing it in any way and with any tools, just so we get it done. Pertrate on the act we would get more help from parents in the establishment of good tooth-cleaning habits

#### Your Baby Overeats.

Mrs. J. A. R. writes: "Will you eries, rubs his feet together, and regularly on a three-hour schedule and he is a big, strong, healthy baby in every way. He never seems to have colic at any other time. It seems lately that he has no comfort in nursing at all, but my milk must be rich because he weighs! about 20 pounds. We have given highest test gasoline. but that does not seem to benefit him in any way. He has his two lower teeth at this time, and I thought possibly that might have REPLY.

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## How to Keep Well The Bee's Letter Box

must be adopted to regulate the operation of aeroplanes, and all sir

lying machines. While my suggestions may odified we must act while the qualified aviators, appoined by aeroplane is in its infancy, so we governor and confirmed may make laws, to correspond with conditions as the aeroplane industry (First) All aeroplanes distinctive advances. (First) All aeroplanes and all other air flying machines carrying passengers thust be driven by a licensed pilot, who has passed a rigid test of qualifications of an aviator. The state to provide a board of examiners in some form, to pass on the eligibility of any person making application for a pilot's

(Second) It shall be unlawful and punishable, by penal servitude and heavy fine, for any pilot of aeroplanes or other flying machines to resort to any tactics of reckless-ness as prohibited by laws governing same, over any city, or vil-lage, at carnivals or other places of public amusement. (Provided) Same shall be permitted if confined wholly within the lines of a designated

others to manipulate a plane, for their representative, pleasure or otherwise, with under Self-determination the influence of intoxicating liquor.

people, who suffer from overeating, got the habit. If you can make your baby stop nursing before he overfills his stomach, you may cure him. Or give him a little water or gruel just before he nurses. If these simple methods fail, try the Grulee dry casein, lactic acid bacillus recently given in column.

Take Good Care of Eyes. M. M. writes: "I am 17 years old and an embroiderer. I have very good eyesight, and would like to know whether it is good to wear glasses not to strain the eyes when em-

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### Licensed pilots and others found Omaha, Neb., Jan. 24.—To the guilty on second offense, shalt have Editor of The Ree: We are enters their license revoked, and not per-

ing upon a new era of transporta- mitted to fly an aeroplane or any and in view of this fact laws other air flying machine for a period of one year from date of revoca-(Fourth) Air traffic laws and rules shall be adopted, by a board of legislative bodies of said state. That all planes shall be identified by a

distinctive serial number large enough to be visible at a distance as provided by law. We must adopt laws which shall be compatible for the advancement of the aeroplane industry and also for the protection of life and prop-The number of planes now in operation and which are fast increasing, prompts us to take action along the lines I have above men-

## tioned without delay. V. A. BRADSHAW.

Legislators: Please Note. Omaha, Jan. 24.—To the Nebras ka Legislators: Will you please help grant the privilege to the people of Omaha to exercise the rights of self-determination, such as was the privilege and the right that was enflying field.

(Third) It shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any licensed pilot or demeanor for any licensed pilot or you determined that you should be

Self-determination is the inherited right, handed down to us from our forefathers and should be kept sacred by all that live under the American flag. The citizens of Omaha come be-

fore you with the plea to get a chance to determine at a regular city election the question whether or not they desire the extension of serve them with the current for public and domestic use. There are a few members in our

Douglas county delegation that oppose House Roll No. 1, and many of our citizens infer that these are not possessed of the real American spirit that prompts self-determina-Will you please see that these

opponents are transformed into American citizens that favor self-Thanking you for your indulgence, I am respectfully

W. F. STOECKER.

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