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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highway... 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 service, 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.

One of the provisions of the bill gives to the Metropolitan 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.

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 and South Atlantic ports, as well as adversely affecting newly established steamship lines.

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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 census bureau has been followed by the destruction of valuable campaign records in the Harding headquarters in Marion.

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.

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.

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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.

Now that they are using ostrich skin for shoes 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.

It seems that Japan and Britain want us to stop building our navy so they can stop building theirs, whereas we want them to stop so we can stop—Dallas News.

A Line O' Type or Two

How to the Line, let the quips fall where they may

UPON JULIA'S ARCTICS.

Whenas galoshed my Julia goes, Unbuckled all from top to toes, How swift the poem bemoeth prose!

But Inez has no desire to cook for crowned heads, and is content with the praise of the president-elect.

Without Mr. Harding feels that his cook was sent by the same happy means.

Merchant Marine in Muddle.

When the United States devoted more than a billion of dollars to the building of cargo carriers and transports during the war, the goal of restoration of the American merchant marine was thought to be in sight.

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.

Mr. Franklin vehemently denies the assertions of the senator, who supports his accusations with a copy of the agreement.

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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 miles 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, announced 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.

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How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

Titles to Toothbrushes. In the schools of Cook county Illinois outside of Chicago, they use the Health Crusader plan for teaching the children health habits.

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 embroidering."

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USE BEE WANT ADS—THEY BRING RESULTS

The Bee's Letter Box

Control of Air Routes.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: We are entering upon a new era of transportation and in view of this fact laws must be adopted to regulate the operation of aeroplanes, and all air flying machines.

Legislators: Please Note. Omaha, Jan. 24.—To the Nebraska Legislature: 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 enjoyed by the people of Kansas when you determined that you should be their representative.

Maybe that is where some older 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.

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