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## The Bee's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station.
2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.
3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Horn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

## The Muscle Shoals Muddle.

A fight concerning which the public is largely unable to judge is raging in congress over the appropriation of \$10,000,000 for Muscle Shoals, the largest water power project in America. Opinion of trustworthy men in Washington is divided as to whether the Wadsworth measure can be made constructive. Congressman Jefferson of Nebraska was instrumental in having the appropriation stricken out by the house, while the agricultural committee of the senate has now reinstated it. Thus far the government has spent \$120,000,000 on the works, and \$45,000,000 more will be required for completion.

There are claims that the Muscle Shoals bill, which deals with the great government dams and nitrate plants on the Tennessee river in northern Alabama, is a steal; this much is certain, that immense waste characterized the construction done during the war. The agricultural interests have been supporting the bill now before congress in hope of obtaining a cheap form of fertilizer by extracting nitrogen from the air by the electrical power. Experts have testified before congress their belief that nitrates could not be produced as cheaply as they can be bought from Chile. The question of an assured supply for munition making during time of war, however, enters in here as an argument in favor of the plan. The fertilizer corporation which at one time expected to conduct the nitrate plant on power bought from the government, and which backed the scheme, now has lost the opportunity and is said to oppose the prospect of competition. In its place as an advocate of prompt completion by the government is the Alabama Power company, which is variously described as hoping to be able to buy up the completed plant at a heavy discount and as planning to purchase the electric current from the government and making a large profit on its distribution.

Even were the power handled in this way it would furnish great impetus to industry in the south by affording cheap electric power, and we find southern statesmen supporting the bill. Those congressmen who look to public ownership and operation of basic industries also are aligned in favor of going through with the project in spite of the fact that the bill as drawn validates large claims of private companies against the government, and would throw the mantle of charity over one of the most scandalous wastes of the war, rivaling Hog Island and the airplane spruce operations.

The mixup is indeed confusing, and is in no way cleared by the information that the legislative agent for one powerful body of farmers who is leading the lobby for the bill, was lobbying five years ago for a bill which was so generally characterized as a power grab that it failed.

## Torturing Public Men.

The people of the United States regard with respect the men they have put in office, and it is but the natural expression of their feelings to wish to shake hands with public men and to entertain them at imposing receptions whenever their duty or pleasure brings them on a visit. Newspaper men, who get closer to public figures than anyone except their wives, can tell many stories of the anguished and even indignant attitude of statesmen who have no other desire than to be left alone with their thoughts, but who are forced to accept the invitation to attend a dinner or reception or make a speech instead. More public men have been killed by kindness than by hard work in office or unfriendly criticism. In the current news we read of how President-elect Harding is beset with plans for elaborate receptions in Florida. At Miami, after consulting his wishes, the entertainment committee decided to forego their original plans and to celebrate his presence only by a display of flags. Southern hospitality no doubt is not entirely satisfied with this limitation, but the nation need not be surprised if, when the appointments of Mr. Harding are made, his appreciation for being left alone will be expressed in a substantial way.

## They Don't Live Forever.

We are saddened by the news the telegraph brings from California. One day last week we heard of a citizen of the Golden state, whose salubrity was once extolled by Colonel Starbottle in his never-to-be-forgotten panegyric on "the great, grand and glorious climate of California," dying at the unripe age of 114. He was believed to be the oldest man in the state; now he is followed to the eternal shades by another youth of 101. Too bad to see these young fellows cut off; even Nebraska knows what it means, for only a few months ago one of the most promising boys of this lovely state passed away just in the bloom of springtime, having attained to only 127 years. His decline was ascribed by some to his being deprived of whiskey, to which he had been accustomed from infancy, dating back a century or so.

What a pity these chaps couldn't have stuck around until 1925, and then have been permitted to enter into the glorious "antitope" state, so alluringly outlined for us by Judge Rutherford. To be sure, they will come back with the rest, but how nice it would have been if they had

been permitted to enter into the eternal bliss without having to undergo the dissolution incident to death, even if the state is to be endured for just a few months. However, they may enjoy the youth that awaits all the more for having a brief respite. The thought for the moment is that they do not live forever in Nebraska or in California, which states between them hold all records for climatic advantages.

## Dawes for War Office.

The open season for advising Senator Harding as to cabinet appointments is near its close. In four weeks, at most, the personnel of the new president's official family must be settled. Meanwhile, the tugging and hauling this way and that is entering upon a stage of final frenzy. Chief dispute appears to center over the naming of a postmaster general and a secretary of the treasury. National Chairman Hays and National Committeeman Hart are reported to be out for the former place; Banker Mellon of Pittsburgh and Charles G. Dawes of Chicago are listed as rivals for the latter. Senator Harding is reported to be anxious that General Dawes be in his cabinet, but to be under considerable pressure for Mr. Mellon's appointment to the treasury portfolio. The solution is easy. General Dawes' experience in France, where he was General Pershing's right-hand man in charge of the business affairs of the American Expeditionary force, gives the answer. He can be made secretary of war with the certainty that he will fill the place acceptably. Furthermore, his relations with General Pershing are such that he would undoubtedly find a way for ending the curious spectacle of the titular head of the army having a title and no work to do.

## Law and the Condemned Socialists.

A rather anomalous condition is developed by the action of the supreme court in granting a new trial to Victor L. Berger, Adolph Germer and others who were convicted under the espionage act. The supreme court holds that Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis should not have heard the case after his personal attitude had been challenged. If this is good law, it is conceivable that the offenders may never be tried in this country, for they can allege personal bias against any judge who may be called upon to hear their cases. The patriotic citizen, wherever he may be placed, naturally entertains a prejudice and bias against the man who has tried to break down the government in time of national danger. Setting him on the bench will not divest him of all trace of manhood, and therefore one judge is as open as another to the same accusation that has disqualified Judge Landis in this instance.

Another interesting thought in this connection is that the president has just declined to commute the sentence of Eugene V. Debs, turning down the recommendation from Attorney General Palmer that the convicted socialist leader be liberated on February 12, Lincoln's birthday. What an astonishing proposal, that a man convicted of high treason should be given a pardon on the natal day of the man who referred to Debs and his ilk in these words:

"Must I shoot the simple-minded soldier boy, while not a hair of the wily agitator who encouraged him to desert must be touched?"

"It is not the duty of the government to support the people, but the duty of the people to support their government," said Grover Cleveland. We have been wandering from these fundamental truths, and it is high time that we came back to that place of discipline and self-sacrifice that makes and that only can make our liberties secure.

## Negro and the Theater.

New York's ultra-sophisticated received a thrill when they discovered the name of Charles Gilpin blazing in electric lights over the entrance to a theater. Not so much because he is a new "star," but because he is a negro. We fall to see any reason for especial astonishment at the fact. Gilpin many weeks ago demonstrated his capacity as an actor, and has been giving a good account of himself. The role he plays is that of a negro who suddenly finds himself in a position where the knowledge he has gained of civilized ways gives him great prestige. Metropolitan critics have credited him with real achievement in the character. Therefore, no reason for amazement exists in his having been advanced to a place in Broadway's galaxy. His test is yet to come. From his people have sprung poets, musicians, novelists of distinguished ability, and men and women who have in many ways done themselves credit in the higher walks of endeavor. Why, then, should not the American negro give the world an actor of parts? The country will watch with interest the career of Charles Gilpin, realizing, as he must, that a single success does not constitute permanency at the Hall of Fame these days.

France has a gun that will shoot 200 miles and England has a gas deadly to every form of life and for which no mask is a protection. If their military experts would only exchange ideas and put the gas in the shell, what a splendid war they could pull off, and still remain in their respective capitals.

It was kind of the correspondent at Atlanta to make it plain that Mr. Coolidge did not converse with any of the prisoners on his visit to the federal penitentiary there, for the impression might have got around that he was consulting Eugene Debs or some of the other "master minds" that Mr. Harding overlooked.

From the remarks of California's senators it is difficult to judge whether they are more angry at the rest of America or at Japan. Uncle Sam may have to knock the chip off their shoulder himself.

If we were Mr. Harding we would not feel unduly grateful for the hospitality of Senator Frelinghuysen, who first got us aboard a houseboat and then sued in court to prove it was unseaworthy.

The bandits who are holding a California man's wife for \$50,000 ransom presumably chose a victim whose married life had been as successful as his business.

Why doesn't President Wilson go ahead and write that \$150,000 article and divide the proceeds with every child named Woodrow?

One of the best cures for sleeping sickness is an alarm clock.

Now we know who a bumper crop bugs hardest.

Mush each day drives the surplus away.

## A Line O' Type or Two

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

THE hocking of the Kaiser in Germany suggests that Europe is more likely to be made safe for monarchy than for democracy. More likely because it is more natural.

HE SHOULD HAVE AN UNDERSTUDY.  
(From the Melrose Park Advocate.)  
Notice—Our compositor strained his right hand last week and we were unable to secure another union man to fill his place in time to issue a paper last week.

OBSERVING the disappearance of the Politest Reporter, the stenog in W. W.'s office remarked: "We can all act natural now."

**Frenzied Fiction.**  
(From Collier's Weekly.)  
"Oh, mother," triumphed Flame.  
"Oh, mother," apologized Flame.  
"Oh, don't they, though?" gloated Flame.  
"Oh? What?" jumped her husband.  
"Oh-m-m," sniffling Flame's mother.  
"Now," thrilled Flame.  
"Dear me—dear me," shivered Flame.  
"Oh, my glory!" thrilled Flame.  
"They seem to like me, don't they?" triumphed Flame.  
"Mr. Delcote?" quickened Flame.  
"But this Mr. Delcote?" puzzled Flame.  
"Why?" brightened Flame.  
"Mother?" frowned Flame.  
"U-m-m," encouraged Flame.

IT is not strange that we do not know Homer's birthday, or whether he was born at all, for the date of McKinley's birth is in dispute.

**A SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENT.**  
Sir: Mr. Hoover is arranging for a large shipment of donated corn to the starving Chinese, and the arrival is reported of 3,000,000 eggs from China, causing a drop of 6 cents a dozen in the American market. A Chinaman tells me the Chinese do not eat corn. However, they can feed this free corn to their chickens and send us more eggs.  
K. D. B.

FROM Philadelphia comes word of the nuptials of Mr. Tunis and Miss Fish. Tunis, we happily conclude, is the masculine form!

**THE VETERAN.**  
(Green Mountain Version.)  
An old Green Mountain boy,  
He changed his brand-new teeth:  
"Give me a real good brush, please,  
Before I get my wreath!  
I will not drink Peruna,  
For I'm of some renown;  
Ego igitur plenus colly's,  
In Middlebury town."  
Achates said, "All full of rum,  
I've oft gone home with thee,  
But now it's time to turn about  
And now you go 'long with me,  
I have laurels and a laurel wreath,  
Which will turn you upside down;  
Ego eram plenus Colly's,  
In Middlebury town."  
They tapped this curious vintage,  
They measured out enough  
To get them good and woezy,  
On that most awful stuff,  
But pints and pints and quarts and quarts  
Their senses could not drown,  
Elegant plent Colly's,  
In Middlebury town. COLUMBUS.

A MAN on the west side set fire to some gasoline by rubbing two pieces of silk together; but if you tried to do that in the woods, in order to kindle a fire, you might rub your arms off.

**AN IDEAL SETTLEMENT.**  
(From the Drumright, Okl. Derrick.)  
Notice—My wife and I have divided our possessions. My wife gets all of the Real Estate and Personal Property and I get to pay \$1.00 per week toward the rent of the smoke house. On and after this date each one of us pays our own bills.  
A. J. Reid.

WILL POPP was pinched in Montana for home brewing. On the other hand, we read that W. D. Cowan, dentist of Regina, was injured on Wednesday by the bursting of his vulcanizer, a small copper steam vessel that is used professionally by dentists.

**The Psalms of David.**  
(Lord Ernle, "The Power of the Psalms.")  
With a Psalm we are married, and buried; with a Psalm we realize to the full, and end, our earthly existence. With what strange power do the familiar words of the Book come home to us as we grow older! Here are verses, over which have stumbled, forty years ago, the childish lips of brothers, covered from us by years of change and absence, yet now, by force of association with the Psalms, seated once again by our side in the broken circle of home. Here again is a passage, which, with trembling voice and beating heart, we read aloud by the deathbed of one, with whose passing the light faded and our own lives grew grey, and void, and lampless.

"FORMER Scranton Waiter to Sing in Rigollette."  
What better way to develop the lungs than bawling through the hall, "We don't give bread with the fishball!"

**THEY EMPTY THE BASKET TWICE A DAY.**  
Sir: A sign of the times in the wash room of Hotel Ramsey in Redwood Falls, Minn.: "Thou' your empty flavoring extract bottles in this basket. Thanks."  
F. S. A.

FRANCE and England are agreed that the pound of German flesh must come off. The difference is that England doesn't want the pounds killed, while France . . .

**GAMMON AND SPINACH, OR THE BEARDS OF THE PROPHETS.**  
The beards that some false prophets wear. Selling their lips to Mammon. Serve as illusion for the snare.  
PAN.

IF you ever wondered what the seven seas are, let Mr. Kipling inform you. They are the North and South Atlantic, the North and South Pacific, the Arctic, the Antarctic, and the Indian.

**WHY THE EDITOR TOOK TO THE HILLS.**  
(From the Fairmont West Virginian.)  
Miss Bertha M. Dilgarde sang, sweetly and effectively "Just as I am, Without One Flea."  
WHENEVER there is a mild winter you hear people say, "We'll catch it in February."  
B. L. T.

**Moths of Splendor.**  
To gain some idea of the splendor of some of the world's moths and butterflies, one should glance over nearly complete collections of them from the tropics as they occur in South America, Asia, Africa and the great eastern and western archipelago, with certain parts of Australia, says the American Forestry magazine of Washington, D. C. Such collections are to be found in the United States national museum in the reserve and duplicate series. There is a superb species that comes from Africa, wherein the "tails" to the hinder pair of wings are over eight inches in length. Then we have the gorgeous Atlas moth of the East. It has that measures a foot across from tip to tip of its upper wings.—Portland Oregonian.

**HER LOST FREEDOM.**  
A Young Mother Speaks.  
Breathing, live thing on my arm,  
Soft, and still, and red, and warm,  
In a few years you will be,  
Small, strange thing, a girl like me.

Ere you came, my whim and mood  
Went my own. Now you intrude,  
I must live my nights and days  
'Neath your scrutiny always.  
I, who used to pout and moop,  
When I wished, must sing and hope,  
And be kind, that you, some day,  
May, intruder, be that way.

I, so young still, may not be  
Ever, gentle I live, now free,  
You will bind you. Life like mine,  
How can I, then, dare to pine,  
Or be aught but brave and fine?  
I, your mother, am, beside,  
Your child, for your wise eyes to guide.  
—By Mary Carolyn Davies in February Good Housekeeping.

## How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to space limitations, 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.  
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**NEW WAY TO VACCINATE.**  
Here is a new way to vaccinate. It was devised by Kinyon, late of the Washington health department, and later revived by Hill, then connected with the Canadian army. That army used the method to a considerable extent. At that time I wrote about it in this column. Since then its use has increased.

I am informed that it is being employed at the Great Lakes Naval Training station. Having been advocated by Dr. White before the Houston Medical society, it is being used with satisfaction by physicians in that section.

It is a method for injecting vaccine instead of the ordinary way of scrubbing the skin and rubbing it in. The skin is thoroughly washed and scrubbed with soap and water. This is followed by an alcohol bath, where this is obtainable. Tighten the skin by grasping the arm just below with the thumb and fingers. Drop vaccine virus on the properly prepared skin. Use a coarse sewing needle. Hold it slanting but nearly parallel with the skin. Pass the needle through the skin in such a way as to pierce the outer layer of the skin, but never to go directly through the skin, instead of over it. Repeat this a dozen times from different directions in a space of one-sixteenth of an inch. It is better to repeat this so as to make three small vaccination areas, no one of which is as large as a split pea. Permit the vaccine to dry on. Apply no shield, adhesive strip, or bandage.

Whenever possible the shirt sleeve should be clean or else a piece of clean gauze or a clean handkerchief should be pinned to it in such a way that the gauze covers the vaccination. After this vaccination there results neither a blister nor an ulcer. Drop vaccine virus on the properly prepared skin. Use a coarse sewing needle. Hold it slanting but nearly parallel with the skin. Pass the needle through the skin in such a way as to pierce the outer layer of the skin, but never to go directly through the skin, instead of over it. Repeat this a dozen times from different directions in a space of one-sixteenth of an inch. It is better to repeat this so as to make three small vaccination areas, no one of which is as large as a split pea. Permit the vaccine to dry on. Apply no shield, adhesive strip, or bandage.

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**It's Not Very Useful.**  
F. R. writes: "A friend of mine recommends that I take crocote in cream for a cough. Is this a good idea?"  
REPLY.  
No. If you have consumption you need something more than that. Crocote was very frequently used for consumption twenty years ago. It is less used now. If you have an ordinary cough you do not need crocote.

**Figs Not Injurious.**  
Mrs. L. C. F. writes: "I will be seeds in figs injure the intestines? I am fond of figs but have feared that possibility."  
REPLY.  
Also please tell me if the oil

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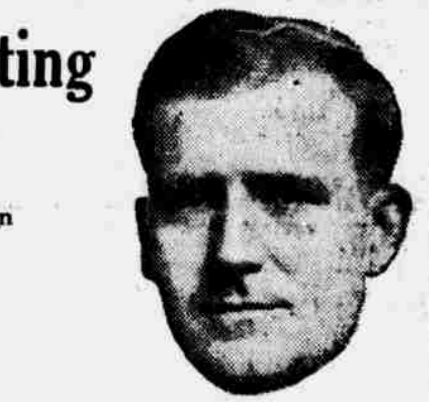
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