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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
- 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the
- 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

Omaha and the Legislature.

The Bee firmly believes that the members of the legislature want to do for Omaha only those things that are good for Omaha. What these are may best be determined by the attitude of the people of Omaha, and by the requests made through bodies that have some right to speak for the community.

Relying on this belief, well justified by all past experience, we again call attention to the fact that House Roll No. 1 does not represent the aspirations or desires of the citizens of Omaha. It does not embody the principle of municipal ownership, but rather tends to erect a monopoly by compelling the city to purchase from the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha. Nothing in its terms will operate to relieve the city from any sort of oppression, because at present the city is in a position to determine what it shall pay for electric service. This advantage will be destroyed by House Roll No. 1, which will take the power of fixing rates from the city council of Omaha and vest it in the Nebraska State Railway commission. Under a law now existing the city has the right to purchase an existing or to construct a competing plant to provide electric service. This right may be exercised at any time the citizens so decide by vote, and an election may be called by the city commissioners, or they must call such election on petition from the citizens, Nothing in the bill offers any form of relief to the city.

Furthermore, and quite important in itself, the leading civic bodies of the city, so far as they have given expression at all on House Roll No. 1, with a single exception, have decided against it most emphatically.

Is there anything in this to reconcile with the sentiments of Omaha citizens the assertions made by proponents of the measure that its opposition arises only from sinister interests. and that those who are opposing the bill are public enemics? Such demagogic expedients may be potent to influence the thoughtless, but the legislator who thinks with his own mind will not be greatly affected by such propaganda. The fact that eight of the Douglas county members are firmly against the bill while only two are openly for it ought to have some weight with the other members. Particularly when it is recalled that one of the members favoring the bill is the stepson of a member of the Omaha Water Board, and the other is the political henchman of the general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha.

House Roll No. 1 does provide a third method of securing a vote on the question of setting up a competing plant, but not on the purchase of an existing service. It will add to the political power of the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha. How the people are diposed towards that at present may be learned from the returns of the primary held last April, when one of the veferan members of the board was defeated and a second narrowly escaped defeat.

Omaha's experience with municipal gas service has been rather sad; the cost of gas has been advanced enormously and its quality deliberately reduced below the standard exacted from the corporation. Consumers kick, but get no relief.

The city has control of the electric service, fixing rates for both public and private consump-

House Roll No. I only promises in the end that the present situation will be disturbed, and the experience with gas probably duplicated by electricity. But it may possibly increase the prestige of the Omaha Water Board, which is not supposed to be a political body at all, but which never has been out of politics a minute since it was called into existence.

We ask the legislators to keep all these things in mind when voting on House Roll No. 1.

Congress Disappoints People.

We find little satisfaction in saying "I told you so," but the congress of the United States has justified the prediction made by The Bee at its convening last December. Then we tried to outline some things that might have been done, but were forced to the melancholy conclusion that nothing beyond the passage of the supply bills would be achieved. Now this is made very clear. Only three weeks remain before the constitution puts an end to the congress, and it faces such a jam as means all other legislation will have to be abandoned in order that appropriations may be made.

Perhaps this is well. Various elements of the public looked for relief in some form through legislation, and are consequently disappointed because it is not forthcoming. The Bee has steadfastly contended that our problems are mainly economic, and not political, and that any laws, beyond the tariff and some that deal with finance, are hurtful in the long run because of their interference with the operation of the natural laws of trade. It may be fortunate, then, that the legislative hopper was so glutted with bills of various kinds, and senatorial aspirations and convictions led to such length of "expository observation" as has precluded possibility of any but the most urgent of measures getting through.

In this connection, Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois, who is to retire on March 4, probably did a real service when he delivered to the senate in connection with the Gronna bill a speech that consumes 97 pages of the Record, most of it in fine type, or the equivalent of a book of 500

pages. Whatever comfort the philosophical may extract from the situation, it probably is well for most of the members that they got their verdict last November instead of having to go before the people on the record they nave made

Now Let Them Get Together.

The closing hours of President Wilson's administration have been marked by one great public service. He has refused to further intervene in the dispute between the railroad owners and employes, or to ask congress to burden the land with further regulatory measures dealing with the questions. If Mr. Wilson could have taken that view of the problem in 1916, we would have been spared the Adamson law and all the economic and political evils that have followed in its wake. Now the question is squarely up to the men and the mangers. They must accept the decisions of existing machinery, or resort to the lex talionis, and may the better man win.

In any or all of its aspects the question of railroad rates and wages has for six years at least been made the pretext for increasing charges and slacking of service to the public. Confestants have arrayed themselves on one side or the other, and the war has gone steadily on, following the precedent set by the monkey when he tried to divide the cheese between the cats, the difference between that instead of diminishing the subject in dispute has continually increased. Advocates of government ownership, Plumb Plan manipulators, and champions of unregulated monopoly, all have found encouragement in the muddle, and reason enough exists for thinking they have deliberately assisted in roiling the waters. At any rate, they have contributed very little towards a reasonable settle-

The Bee, in common with all thinking persons, wants to see the pay of railroad employes kept at a high standard; it also wants to see the roads prosper, so that stockholders may realize something on their investments and thus capital be induced to venture on betterments and extensions of a service that sorely needs both. But we do not believe that a continuation of the present bickering, the assertion of unreasonable or arbitrary demands by one side or the other, managers or men, is helpful to the general cause of reconstruction. Neither is entitled to advantage over the other; there must be found a common ground, and if the men who are engaged in the great transportation industry really want to serve their country they will immediately begin to hunt out points for agreement instead of pretexts for conflict.

But, if we are to have a general railroad strike in order to test the relative strength of the organized employes and the equally organized employers, why the sooner it comes the sooner it will be over, and the public apprised of which boss it must kowtow to. Just now the demands of two for obeisance are becoming a little more than wearisome.

City Council and House Roll No. 1.

Our city commissioners, by a vote of 5 to 2, have gone on record tentatively as favoring the passage of House Roll No. 1. This action raises the question: If the commissioners really want to set the city into possession of its own electric lighting plant, why have they delayed so long? Ever since they have been in office it has been within their power to call an election that the citizens may pass upon the question. Each of them is supposed, at least, to be acquainted with the provisions of the city charter, and this one in particular must have been impressed on their attention numerous times. For what reason then, have they failed to take advantage of the power they possess? Or what relief do they expect to secure through passing the buck to the Water Board? Has the experience of the city with the gas plant aroused any hope that the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha can accomplish something the city itself, working through the district's board, could not? It cannot be a political reason, for no one can conceive any advantage arising from the commission's resigning a great portion of its power for the aggrandizement of another and independent governing body. We confess we do not comprehend the action of the city commissioners.

H. C. L. and the Executives.

An interesting but rather melancholy bit of information comes from London, the burden of the item being that Lloyd George has good reason to sympathize with the collier lads of his native Wales. He has a hard time to get along on his pay, and is now presenting to his employer a respectful request for an increase. Just what sort of reception this will meet from the employer, in this instance being the British Public, is not indicated, yet considerations of gratitude and obligation would ordinarily dictate that Mr. George be granted the relief he seeks. He makes no threat of strike, or any other retaliatory action on part of the United Association of British Premiers, of which he is an active member, although the fact that his petition is preferred by Herbert Asquith, a past president of the union, might have some significance in this regard.

According to the scale of wages allowed by other, countries, Mr. Lloyd George is sadly underpaid. At present exchange rates his 5,000 pounds stipend falls under \$20,000, which is to be-contrasted against the \$75,000 and expenses allowed the president of the United States. Rent-free quarters merely adds to the living cost of the premier, whose expenses are enhanced by the charges incidental to maintaining the staff needed to properly carry on business at 10 Downing street. We hope the B. P. will not be niggardly in its treatment of so estimable and indefatigable a servant as Lloyd George.

In passing, it may not be dut of place to note that Warren G. Harding is about to enjoy a boon not vouchsafed Woodrow Wilson. He will be permitted to pay into the treasury of the United States \$18,000 a year tax on his salary. Mr. Wilson was deprived of this privilege by reason of the fact that he was in office when the law was enacted, but we have no record that he has ever protested against the condition.

Omaha's armor-clad policemen may make a good movie film, but the city will feel better when they win a real battle with bandits.

Practical tests of spiritualism have landed several "mediums" in jail lately throughout the country, but this will probably not deter the disciples of Dr. Arthur Conan Doyle.

Another real sign of coming spring is the base ball talk.

Mr. Groundhog did have a real kick

A Line O' Type or Two

"ONE may have his own ideas as to the method employed to obtain the interview with the Kaiser" cables Mr. James. Well, we have ours, and it is not particularly flattering.

This is the Wheeze. "Dear Sir: I got your letter about my ac-count please by pachent I will pay you as soon as somebody pays me I aint forgot you if this was judgement day and you was no more pre-pared to meet your God than I am to pay your bill you would be show to go to hell Good bye."

IT appears, from the confidential communications which accompany the foregoing jape, that it came from a Lexington county farmer, from one of the customers of a firm in Savannah, and from divers other sources.

THE TOONERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT MEETS ALL FIRES. (From the Pontiac, Ill., Record.)

Notice—In case of fire the key to the Fire Department room will always be found at the Telephone Central office, and when-ever it is used please take it back and leave

Albert Rice, President of Village Board. CHICAGO sleuths are doing as well as could expected, and the department would do even better if it could have the services of a crime hound described by a down-state paper thusly: "Disguising himself by hiding his star, and by sticking a ticket in his hatband, he waited at the

interurban station for a car. A-t-on Jamais Vu Ca?

Sir: Overheard on the L:-"Have you been to the new Drake?"
"Yes. Don't you love the carte ju jour?" "Yes, indeed. I'm just crazy to have of I'm tired of my bld tea cart." ALICE.

contralto to a woman's club meeting in the Copley-Plaza, "a composition by one of Boston's noted composers, Mr. Chadwick. 'He loves me.'" And of course everybody thought Course contralty announced a contralt of a woman's club meeting in the pulse, as the result of repeated examinations, is found to be between 90 and 100, the mortality rate is 72 wrote it for her.

The New Patriotic Duty. Sir: Have you seen that handsome little brange-tawny card that our one hundred per cent

American Sinn Feiners are distributing?

close my copy, but please return it, as I am most anxious to know what to avoid.

One notes with interest that the first malum prohibitum, the first British product we are en-joined to avoid, is Lipton's tea. To be sure, Lipton is an Irishman; but everybody knows that his tea is grown in England, and that by not buying it we shall inflict a severe blow on that arrogant and oppressive country, without injuring any American traders. The same applies to the British brands of tobacco placed on this index of things forbidden: we all know

where they are grown. I am very grateful to our Irish brethren for impressing on us this duty of not encouraging importations from that vile country England (including Scotland, which shamefully tolerates and co-operates with the oppressor). This card reached me just in time to prevent my patronizwas just on the point of purchasing a set of the works of Cardinal Newman and the Poems of Francis Thompson. Hundred percentually JAMES PONTIFEX.

THE red tape that Mr. Dawes refers to so eloquently was used originally to tie up docu ments; but we are still to be informed when and where the practice began.

THE Nobel prize for the best split infinitive has been awarded to the framer of the new administrative code of the state of Washington, which contains this:

"To, in case of an emergency requiring ex-penditures in excess of the amount appropriated by the legislature of any institution of the state, ment, and upon the written request of the gov-erning authorities of the institution, the state officer, or the head of the department, and in case the board by a majority vote of all its members determines that the public interest required it, issue a permit in writing," etc. And So It Goes.

Woolworth's shop, I bought a copy of "Sllas Marner." The sales person remarked to her neighbor, "Gee! that woman looks too refined to be reading dime novels."

And machine and the book counter of Mr. low them. "In many cases the trough low them. "In many cases the trough low them." Walking past the book counter of Mr.

And speaking of "nee," an ex maid writes to me: "Probably you remember me by my maiden name, Mamie Brown, nee Mrs. Henry Jackson.

E. B., nee H. P.

HINT to students in the School of Journalism: Always begin the description of a tumultuous scene by saying that it is indescribable, and then proceed to describe it until the telegraph editor chokes you off.

THE MILD SMOKER. A new cigar is advertised "for the mild." After all, he is the pleasantest one to smoker." After all, he is the pleasantest one to meet. He never sticks you in the eye with his cigar nor blows smoke in your face at crowded corners. Neither does he lay the lighted end cn your mahogany desk. He is a good husband and father, putting the ashes in the tray, not or, the rug, and lighting up only after baby has been filed away for the night. He treats waiters congressmen, cab drivers, and prohibitionists kindly, and speaks gently to hotel clerks and street car conductors. He is of amiable mien. cheerful but not gay, tolerant in his view of cheerful but not gay, tolerant in his view of Lucy Page Gaston, and generous at golf. The

world, indeed, could ill afford to lose him. R. O. R. IN the Wellesley Register, "one asterisk means dead; two means married." And threewhy not?-divorced.

A TOUR DE FORCE. (From the Columbus, Neb., News.) Just before the bridal couple descended the stairs Miss Luzetta Snyder sang, "At Dawning," by Cadman, to the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. Oh, Give Him Five Yards' Start.

Sir: The editor has received the following from Lancaster, Ohio:

"Dear Sir: I am enrolled in the Heacock School of Journalism and would appreciate any attention shown to me. Yours truly, A. B. N."

The poem inclosed for consideration:

"You have studied and tolled,
And Failure won've foiled

And Fallure you've foiled, May you thus glide through life Falling to meet Old Man Strife." What attention does the author deserve? R. H. L.

OUR cub reporter friend, W. H. D., who expects to run a column presently, should not overlook the sure-fire wheeze, "Shoes shined on

YES, YES, GO ON! (From the Pas, Man., Herald.) Mr. George Hobart, who died at Nelson House last year, has arrived at his destina-

FOR Academy Ghost, or Familiar Spirit, P. D. Q. nominates Miss Bessie Spectre of Boston.

Back to Normalcy. (From the Chickasha Express.) For sale—New Pathe phonograph, or will trade for good milk cow. Box 233.

"IT was a case of getting so d——* mad that

it was either weep or swear," explains Mr. Dawes. *Probably "damned."

#YES, Mr. Bryan inspires a similar emo-. B. L. T. tional confusion.

Mexican Estates.

According to the latest Mexican census, about 7,000 families of Spanish Creole descent own nearly all the fertile soil of the republic, and since Mexico measures in all about 750 000 square miles it follows that these feudal estates average more than 100 square miles each.—Indianapolis News.

Oh, About One Prune.

"An "overproduction of prunes" is reported on the Pacific slope. How many prunes, by the way, does it take to constitute an "overproduc-tion?"-Boston Transcript.

The German empire was proclaimed just 50 years ago yesterday, and now look at the darned thing!—Kansas City Star.

Object Lesson.

Can't Take Sun From Billy. If these reformers keep on the only Sunday that won't be blue will be Billy, -Dayton News,

How to Keep Well

handling them. Some get mange and allied skin diseases. But beyond

this the indictment can not be sus-

. Water does not taste good to Should I drink very much?

me. Should I drink very much?
"4. I am eating spinach, tomatoes,

do not use salt on them. Eat any kind of bread,

living and proper diet. Could you

get a book on food for the sick? This will give you much informa-

tion. If you have much dropsy you

should come as near doing without

6. It is probable that sugar or candy will hurt you,

Here's One Remedy.

J. L. M. writes: "1. I believe some

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2. No not if carefully used by the

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UNDER AVERAGE RISKS.

These are some of the specific recommendations found in Arthur tained. I can say, however, that it Hunter's Treatment of Under Average Risks, issued by the New York Life, and based on the joint experience of many life insurance com-

C. K. writes: "I am a boy of 15, and have had Bright's disease with HEART MURMURS-The mordropsy for four years.
"1. What vegetables can I eat?
"2. What kind of bread? tality rate for a given age is raised 80 per cent for persons with organic heart murmurs, but with no hypertrophy. If hypertrophy is present the mortality is raised 125 per cent. For example, if in persons of that age 10 out of each thousand could carrots, cabbage, celery squash, all kinds of fruit but bananas, milk, be expected to die, if the thousand butter and cottage cheese. Is this had heart murmers the number dya proper diet? ing would be 18 or 22, according to "5. Have you anything to suggest in the way of diet, baths or medithe amount of heart hypertrophy present. If the heart murmur is cine that would help? functional the mortality rate is not increased if the person is under 35 years of age. Persons over 35 years of age with functional heart me? murmurs have an added mortality rate of 30 to 50 per cent.

Persons who are found to have heart trouble, tuberculosis or goiter, a physician, and have him lay down rules of living. These must be folstrictly if years of useful life

SLOW, RAPID AND IRREGU- disease should get well. The more per cent above the normal. If the pulse is over 100 it is 105 per cent above. A high pulse rate may mean heart trouble, tuberculosis or goiter. For irregular and intermittent pulse salt as possible. Likewise you the added mortality rate depends on should not take an excessive amo the age of the subject. Irregular of water. You need iron, and good pulse in children is of very little sig- meat and the yolk of eggs are good nificance. It does not mean much iron foods. But on the other hand in young people generally. At age your kidneys may not be equal to 40 the extra mortality rate is 30 to a diet containing any or much meat 50 per cent. There are different and eggs and in addition these are kinds of irregular pulse. Some are salty foods. All in all such a case of very little significance and probably raise the mortality rate little. ably raise the mortality rate little or Perhaps in time the insurance companies will be able to split up the group of "irregular pulse" into several small groups.

time ago you prescribed for exces-HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE—The sive sweating in the armpits, also Northwest Life Insurance company perspiring of the feet. Would you found that in persons with a presfound that in persons with a pres-sure of 141 the extra mortality was was ping the perspiration be harmful in 146, any way?" 10 per cent; with a pressure of 146, 35 per cent; of 153, 60 per cent; of 35 per cent: of 133, 60 per cent. 160, 110 per cent, and of 170, 165 1. A per cent. If the blood pressure was inum 15 to 34 points above that proper for age the mortality rate is raised 70 per cent. If the pressure was up to Apply cautiously once or twice a 35 to 49 points the rate was raised average person. The skin of some 150 per cent. people is very sensitive, however.

130 per cent of the cases refected on account of high blood pressure alone (over 169) there appeared some additional trouble, such as heart trouble, hardening of the arteries, albumin, sugar or casts in the urine three and a half years later on nn average. The opinion is expressed that tests of blood pressure are of great value in forewarning a man of deterioration of his health before it has become apparent to the individ-ual himself. In fact, there are those who hold that for persons over 45 years of age it is a better gauge than years of age it is a better gauge than urine examinations. Those with high blood pressure are told that they should have a physician lay down rules of living, and they should follow them. "In many cases the trou-

Sherlock Holmes Is Away: S. P. H. writes, asking a question which we cannot answer publicly or privately. His letter is not signed except by initials. He incloses \$1. If he will identify himself we will return his money. If not we will give it to some charity. Money sent to this column is returned or given to charity.

Might Get the Mange. Mrs. H. J. M. writes: "Is it conducive to health to pet, hold or

Some people get asthma from sleep-ing with dogs and cats. Some get tapeworms and other worms from

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The Bee's Letter Box

Omaha, Feb. 4 .- To the Editor of The Bee: Several years ago Omaha that the danger of private interests voters elected a charter commission to draw up a home rule charter for Omaha. This commission was com-posed of the best material Omaha afforded and did its work well. After reporting it back to the city council so a special ejection might be called that it might be submitted by sections to voters of Omaha for their approval, we find it was not favored by the present city council, who, after a series of political manoeuvers, killed the charter before giving the people an opportunity to

vote en it.

Now we find the present city commission have authorized Commissioners Ure, Towle and Zimman to draft a new home rule charter, which after having been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce for approval, was sent to the state legislature to be made a law. The new charter, being some 300 pages in length, looks like another McKelvie code

Mr. Lambert, corporation attor-ney to the city of Omaha, who ad-"6. There is no sugar in my urine Will a little sugar or candy hurt dressed a meeting in the council chamber, regarding this new home rule charter, brought some very in-teresting features to light when he 1. Eat any vegetables you please, declared that the new charter would grant the city council the right to inresolution. It was also brought out 4. It is. 15. A boy of 15 with Bright's that the limit over which the coun-cil has absolute jurisdiction has been changed from one and one-half miles to two and one-half miles, within which limit improvement rule are more curable as well as bonds are to be issued by the counthe chronic varieties. But cure de-

cil without a vote of the people. The question was put to Mr. Lambert that in case grades run should payer is unable to pay, would there to 5,000 men.

being favored exists. If 50 per cent of the property owners protest 15 days, the grading will not be done. Those present pointed out that the time for protest is too short and the taxpayer's rights would not be protected. gerous feature of the charter is the provision permitting the city council to issue to issue unlimited public improve-ment bonds by their "revolving fund If the taxpayers of Omaha do not

be any relief? To which he replied there might be considerable dange

wake up and take sufficient interest in their new charter to send a petition in boots to the legislature, this bill will be passed with these jokers in it, and it will then be too late to protest or complain. When instituted by the council which increase your taxes to the extent that your property is confiscated, you will then have yourselves to blame for sitting idly by and permitting the city council of Omaha to make a foot ball of your pocketbook by giving them the power to issue public improvement bonds without limit and without a vote of the people Taxpayers who are interested should demand of the Douglas county dele gation that these jokers be taken out of the bill, or that the present home rule charter as now deafted be defeated.

Citizen's and Taxpayers' League of ROY M. HARROP,

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