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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways...

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.

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.

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...

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.

House Roll No. 1 only promises in the end that the present situation will be disturbed, and the experience with gas probably duplicated by electricity.

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.

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.

Another real sign of coming spring is the base ball talk. Mr. Grumhog did have a real kick.

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 have made since.

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...

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.

The Bee, in common with all thinking persons, wishes 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...

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...

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...

H. C. L. and the Executives. An interesting but rather melancholy bit of information comes from London, the burden of which is that Lloyd George has good reason to sympathize with the collier lads of his native Wales.

IN the Wellesley Register, "one asterisk means dead; two means married." And three-way not—divorced.

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A Line O' Type or Two

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

"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.

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

CHICAGO sleuths are doing as well as could be 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 hand, he waited at the interurban station for a car."

Overheard on the L. "Have you been to the new Drake?" "Yes. Don't you love the car?" "Yes, indeed, I'm just crazy to have one. I'm tired of my bid tax car."

"I WILL now sing for you," announced a contralto to a woman's club meeting in the Copley Plaza, "as one of Boston's noted composers, Mr. Chadwick, 'He loves me.' And of course everybody thought George wrote it for her."

THE New Patriotic Duty. Sir: Have you seen that handsome little orange-tawny card that our one hundred per cent American Sinn Feiners are distributing?

One notes with interest that the first malum prohibitorium, the first British product we are enjoined 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 injury to the cause of the oppressed.

THE red tape that Mr. Dawes refers to so eloquently was used originally to tie up documents; 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 expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated by the legislature of any institution of the state, state officer, or department of the state government, and upon the written request of the governing 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 requires it, issue the following order."

And So It Goes. Sir: Walking past the book counter of Mr. Woolworth's shop, I bought a copy of "Sias Marner." The sales person remarked to her neighbor, "Gee! that woman looks too refined to be reading dime novels."

HINT to students in the School of Journalism: Always identify 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. Sir: A new cigar is advertised "for the mild 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.

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IF the reformers keep on the only Sunday that won't be blue will be Billy.—Dayton News.

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 proper limitation, where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

UNDER AVERAGE RISKS. These are some of the specific recommendations found in Arthur Hunter's Treatment of Under Average Risks, issued by the New York Life, and based on the joint experience of many life insurance companies.

HEART MURMURS—The mortality rate for a given age is raised 30 per cent for persons with organic heart murmurs, but with no hypertrophy. If hypertrophy is present the mortality is raised 125 per cent.

SLOW, RAPID AND IRREGULAR PULSE—If the pulse is less than 55 that fact arouses suspicion of disease, generally fatty heart.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE—The Northwest Life Insurance Company found that in persons with a pressure of 141 the extra mortality was 10 per cent; with a pressure of 146, 15 per cent; with a pressure of 150, 18 per cent; and of 170, 35 per cent.

Here's One Remedy. J. L. M. writes: "I believe some time ago you prescribed for excessive sweating in the armpits, also perspiring of the feet. Would you repeat the advice?"

1. A 25 per cent solution of aluminum chloride in distilled water. Apply cautiously once or twice a week. Do not overdo.

2. Not if carefully used by the average person. The skin of some people is very sensitive, however.

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.

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

I am willing to go to the limit of truth in opposing sleeping with dogs. I wish I could turn your answer over to a literary doctor with a quiver full of adjectives and adverbs.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Sounds an Alarm. Omaha, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Bee: Several years ago Omaha voters elected a charter commission to draw up a home rule charter for Omaha.

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.

Mr. Lambert, corporation attorney to the city of Omaha, who addressed a meeting in the council chamber, regarding this new home rule charter, brought some very interesting features to light when he declared that the new charter would grant the city control of the right to initiate all public improvements by resolution. It was also brought out that the limit over which the council has absolute jurisdiction has been changed from one and one-half miles to two and one-half miles, within which limit improvement bonds are to be issued by the council without a vote of the people.

1. Eat any vegetables you please, but do not use salt on them. 2. Eat any kind of bread. 3. If you have dropsy take only a limited amount of water.

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