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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
- 2. Continued improvement of the Ne-braska 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 Omeha, with City Manager form of Government.

International War Debts.

The storm stirred up by Senator Reed over the loans made by the United States to the Allies during the war period, and since, may serve to bring about a definite understanding as to the eventual settlement of those debts. Mr. Austin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer in the British imperial cabinet, is credited with having made a proposal for the cancellation of international obligations growing out of the war. While Secretary Houston declines to name the nation that made the approach to the United States on the point, Mr. Chamberlain, in a public address last week, admitted it was at his motion. He explained that the burden would fall on Great Britain heavier than on the United States, as the British loans to other countries engaged in the war are far in excess of ours. His purpose is to relieve as far as possible the distress prevalent in the smaller countries.

When this matter was first brought forward, some two years ago, it was rejected by the British and French alike, and did not get serious attention in this country. Nor has it yet been discussed on its merits. For the United States it would mean that an asset amounting to almost nine and a quarter billions on its face, with accumulated interest at the rate of \$450,000,000 a year, would be cancelled. Yet the asset is of such doubtful value, worth nothing at present save as a book item, that some advantage may be seen in its being charged off and added to the net cost of the war.

Great Britain owes us \$4,000,000,000, but a considerable portion of this was borrowed only to be loaned again to France, Italy and Greece. Czechoslovakia was financed directly from Washington, and a respectable sum was invested loans are included in the general sum. It is highly improbable that anything will be realized from these debts in a long time, if ever, and this is why the British chancellor of the exchequer has suggested a general wiping of the slates, in order that a great load will be lifted from the backs of the little nations.

Such a contribution to charity, for that is what it amounts to, would be magnificent, but it is not likely to be made. One of the best preventives of war, not always safe but efficacious to a degree, is to require payments of debt contracted during war. No disposition is manifest | discouraged. in any quarter to forgive Germany the indemnity charge, and no less reason exists for pursuing that course than for charging off the debts between the allied countries that defeated Ger-

It is not a matter of sentiment at all. The United Slates loaned its credit to its associates in the war as a means for winning. To expect payment now is quite as much a matter of routine business as it was for the A. E. F. to pay cash for whatever supplies it secured in

Millionaires and Suicide.

Thirty-three millionaires committed suicide last year, and thus flickers out the illusion that all people need to make them happy is wealth. There is, it is true, a great deal of guff about tire blessings of poverty and the curse of riches that probably has no other aim than to make the poor man less dissatisfied, but the general fact is that one who does not find more happiness than sorrow in one condition of life would not find it in any other.

The statistics of the Save-a-Life !cague, which tell of the self-destruction of 6,171 persons in 1920, do not tell what reasons the departing millionaires found for their deed. It may be that their income tax appeared too high, or their excess profits tax gave them unrestrainable sorrow. Parhaps some of them had quarreled with their wives, or despairing of obtaining any heat from the janitor, jumped from the window of their apartment. Maybe illness or excesses had weakened the will power, or it is possible that they had been disappointed in love. The same human tribulations that meet us all were theirs with the single exception of lack of money. There may be suspected a tendency on their part to fancy that their fortune put them above these considerations and would get them whatever they wanted, and the result shows itself in the weakened ability to withstand and conquer trouble that ended in death.

Where Russia Looms Large.

Before the house naval affairs committee Sir Philip Gibbs, the well established British newspaper correspondent, gave an excellent reason for paying some attention to Russia. Gibbs is not only an experienced observer but an acute analyst as well, and his opinion on international questions is always worth having. When he says that no conference on armament is worth while holding, unless Russia be represented, then the authorities may well ponder the situation from the angle he presents.

The "red" army is truly the only real military menace today, and it is a very real one. While the wall erected to preserve western Europe from bolshevism holds for the present, and may grow stouter as days pass, it is not at all reassuring that the doctrine of the Third Internationale is being extended throughout the Near East, borne on the sword of the army that | when he enters . Nebraska he will bring a lot

been well assured that the Far East is not being neglected by the emissaries of Moscow, and that proselyting throughout India and China is going ahead as rapidly as the propaganda can be spread. No great danger may exist, but the situation is not reassuring in any aspect.

We are nearing the fulfillment of the prediction made by Jan Smuts, when taking farewell of England, that whatever form of government the Russians set up for themselves, the world would have to accept. It is not enough to tell ourselves that bolshevism is dying of its own weight. If the world is to be made really safe for democracy and orderly processes of government are to endure, the onward sweep of Leninism must be met by something more etfective than merely withholding recognition. It will be far better to give him and the soviets such credit as is apparent, and then meet unreason with reason. Unless some such steps are taken, the "yellow peril," so often referred to may become a reality.

Let's Get This Straight.

Not the least deplorable aspect of the fight for House Roll No. 1 is the deception persisted in with regard to the "extension of an existing plant," The inference naturally is that the Metropolitan Water District of Omaha is in possession of a plant susceptible of being expanded into one that will serve to light the streets and supply the electric current needed for community uses. Nothing could be more unfair to the

It is true the water district does own a plant," located at Minne Lusa, capable of developing around 75-horsepower, and the utmost capacity of which is employed in lighting the pumping station and grounds. Thomas de Quincy or Jules Verne might project the picture of that tiny machine to such proportions as will supplant the enormous engines required to generate the power actually furnished to Omaha by the Nebraska Power company, but the practical mind must be sensible only to its

Nor is the impression that the steam plant at Minne Lusa is to be supplemented by a water power, vaguely located "somewhere on the Platte river," less unfair. Engineers of standing who have studied the question are familiar with the difficulties in the way of generating extensive power from the Platte or other Nebraska streams of like character, and it would be doing the general manager of the water district little credit to even hint that he is not thoroughly posted on the whole situation in this regard.

House Roll No. 1, if it means anything beyond clothing the Water board with additional power, looks to the establishment of another costly steam power plant for the generation of electric current to serve the city. Statements or insinuations to the contrary are made to deceive.

Best to Buy at Home.

The revelation that some well-to-do families Omaha have been buying groceries and other goods in the east instead of trading at home shows that the mail order habit is not peculiar to folks who live in the country. It demonin the Kerensky government in an effort to strates also the pertinacity of the idea that somekeep Russia on the front line. Other similar where off there in the distance the fields are the line: greener, prices cheaper and products better. Experience teaches time and again that this is untrue, and that mercantile concerns which feel no personal connection between them and their customers do not give the service and satisfaction that comes from trading at home.

A community rises or falls together. If the residents send their money abroad for goods, that money disappears from local circulation. Business houses that pay taxes to the upbuilding of the vicinity, then pay less, and enterprises that would add to the opportunities at home is

Wives of bankers, wholesalers, grain dealers and insurance men' are singled out for accusation in . Omaha. Similar indictments can be brought against many men of the prosperous classes. Men of high position in the business world are sometimes found who boast of buying their clothes in New York. Salesmen of companies that pay no taxes here and that contribute nothing to the support or advancement of the city bring their sample trunks to Omaha and go from office to office displaying their goods. Lawyers, doctors, real estate men and bankers who draw their living from the community spend more freely than they ought in such ways as this.

Even were the prices lower than those of local dealers, which they are not, this would be poor economy: The reason then, is only to be found in the vague feeling that one can do better by going afar off.

How Many Trees Has Omaha?

This may seem a trivial question, yet it does have some bearing on the present as well as the future prosperity of the city. Milwaukee has but recently completed a tree census, and has discovered some interesting facts in connection with the parks and shaded avenues and lawns of the city. In other important communities similar work has been done, and in some efforts have been made to guide and direct the planting of trees to the end that ultimate benefit other than mere shade or ornamentation may be derived. When Dr. Miller was a member of the Omaha Park board, many years ago, he sought to bring about something of system in the selection of trees to be planted in the public parks and along the boulevards, and he could ask no happier monument than is presented by Miller park, where his "forest of hoe handles" has burgeoned into as pretty a bit of woodland as ever delighted the eye. Similarly, the honey locusts that border the southwest boulevard are a tribute to the foresight of the man who had them planted. Omaha tree-planters have been partial to the varieties of quickest growth, beauty and usefulness following in order. Perhaps a survey of the forest growth in the city might bring out some suggestions that would be beneficial to the present and of immense value to the future citizens.

Twelve democrats in the senate favor the emergency tariff bill on farm products. Louisiana, Texas, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico have induced their democratic repsesentatives to forget their prejudices against protection, but Nebraska finds Senator Hitchcock still deaf.

Eastern college girls are learning now to repair their own automobiles, no doubt obtaining greater fluency in language at the same time.

Pussyfoot Johnson may be a dry speaker, but marches under the red flag. The world has of moisture to the eyes of his thirsty victims.

A Line O' Type or Two Hew to the Line, let the quipe fall where they may

LATER revelations contradict Raymond's message, that tobacco is obtainable in the spirit world. It is just as well. It would be annoying, when one had stretched himself on a cloud and lighted a good seegar, to have Lucy Page Gaston come along and snatch it out of one's face.

Behind the Beyond, Sir: Einstein, having laid a yardstick on the universe, will perhaps tell us now what lies beyond the farther end of it. B. J.

BEING one of the Twelve who understand Einstein, we can answer for him. Beyond our universe lie other universes. The Doc's yardstick is applied only to ours.

CAWS AND EFFECT.

Sir: Passing a store on Madison street, I heard a succession of strident, rancous cries, as if some one were getting bawled out with a vengeance. Somewhat alarmed, I stepped inside, who's making all the racket?" I asked the proprietor. "Jackdaws," was his brief reply, "Oh," said I, somewhat disappointed, "I thought maybe it was Charlie."

Speaking of Dawes-He cursed them at board, he cursed them in bed. From the sole of the foot to the crown of the head!

He cursed them in sleeping, that every night They should dream of the devil and wake in a

He cursed them in eating, he cursed them in drinking,
He cursed them in coughing, in succeing.

winking:
He cursed them in sitting, in standing, in lying.
He cursed them in walking, in riding, in flying:
He cursed them in living, he cursed them in dying.

The Butcher, the Baker, especially the Baker.

Corps Diplomatique and the swivel-chair fakir.

Never was heard such a terrible curse!

And what gives rise To numerous sighs, No one may be one penny the worse! F. A. H. S. TO our young friend who expects to operate a column: Lay off the item about Miss Hicks entertaining Carrie Dedbeete and Ima Proone; it is phony. But the wheeze about the "eternal revenue collector" is still good, and timely.

"ADMIT THE BEARER AND ONE INTIMATE (From the Highland Park Press.) The association, by a unanimous vote, decided to give a dance and buffet luncheon in Witten's hall Feb. 16. The affair will be for members and their intimate families.

IN an almanack, which is printed once a year, in a dictionary or encyclopedia, which is republished after ten or twenty years, you could expect to find fewer errors than in a daily newspaper; but apparently time has little to do with it. Consulting the Brittannica's article on Ana-

to see whether there was mention of a story he wrote before he became well known, entitled "Marguerite." A Paris publisher found it recently in a magazine and asked M. France to write a preface to it, that it might be issued as a book. Quoth France: "It would be an excess shortening the disease. of literary vanity on my part to resurrect the story. But my vanity would, perhaps, be greater were I to try to suppress it."

Act II., Scene 2. JULIET.

What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet. . ROMEO.

Thou sayst a mouthful, love. And yet how come That Myra Tinkelpaugh, of Cobleskill, New York, conducts therein The Music Shop?

COMRADE MORLEY has discovered that Chesterton anticipated Miss Clare Kummer, with the line: "Let each small statesman sow his weak wild oat."

"It is migratory, appearing for a day or two, berhaps, on one portion of the body, then forsaking that and appearing elsewhere, but always somewhere.

AT LAST A CONSTANT READER! (From the Winchester Times.) The body of Sam Radges, business man of Tepeka, Kan., who died recently, has been placed in a concrete vault which he

been placed in a concrete vault which he erected himself several years ago. An electric light with which the vault is provided will be burned constantly.

A Topska newspaper asserts that Mr. Radges took out a 20-year paid-up subscription just before he died, and at his request the manner will be delivered at the buriel. the paper will be delivered at the burial vault every day

PADEREWSKI is on his way to our shores; reminding of Clemenceau's greeting when they met at the Peace Conference. "Vous etes le iameux pianiste? [A bow.] Quelle chute!"

A Broth of a Bhoy.

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Sir: The Attaboy family, to whom you referred the other day, must have a distant cousin somewhere in India. George Rex has been graciously pleased to confer some bauble or other on Dadabhoy, Marakjee Byramjee. Judging by the way he spells, and evidently pronounces, his name, this Hindoo geutleman strongly affects to be an Irishman. Attaboy Dadabhoy! More power to ye!

BALLYBUNNION.

EVEN IN A CANOE THREE IS A CROWD. (From the Washington Post.)

1726 I street—Unusually large, hand-somely furnished room; semi-private; ac-commodating three; separate beds. "BOOZE conditions along the Canadian border were characterized as appalling by Mr. Richardson."

Richardson."

We have already called attention to the need of a volunteer organization which shall act as a shock absorber. Whenever an appalling situation develops, this organization can be appalled for the rest of us; and we, knowing that the job of being appalled is in safe hands, will not have our days or evenings cut into.

pened to me twice sincs. What do you think of my case? I am without money. What can I do?"

REPLY.

There is not much that can be done. You should have an examination for syphilis. If this disease in the present treatment may be of service. I suggest that you go volunteer organization which shall act as a shock absorber. Whenever an appalling situation develops, this organization can be appalled for the rest of us; and we, knowing that the job of being appalled is in safe hands, will not have our days or evenings cut into.

The Height of Regret.

Sir: A paragraph from a letter, which you may be able to interpret:

"In reply to your letter of the 16th, we regret we disposed of the mills scale at a higher price than named in your letter."

"NORMAL Young Woman to Be Married This Evening to George Montgomery."— Bloomington Pantagraph.

SALES MANAGERS, ATTEN-SHUN! SALES MANAGERS, ATTEN-SHUN:

Sir: That sales manager who complained of the gadders who search for signs and wheezes should watch them himself, and he might be of benefit to his salesmen. The writer noted the wheeze about the Mt. Horeb butcher who was killing hogs for his townspeople, and wired our Wisconsin salesman, who dropped in and sold Mr. Butcher a five-hog meat smoker that we build. Long live the Line!

D. E.

"BULLET Fired Through Window Hits Near Magistrate."—Boston Herald. Contempt of court! THEY MAKE THE BEST KIND.

(From the Oberlin, O., Tribune.) Wanted—A husband; must be a sinner; none other need apply. P. O. Box 61, Ober-

Indifference.

Said B. L. T. to F. P. A.,
"How shall I end the Line today?"
"It's immaterial to me,"
Said F. P. A. to B. L. T. M. L. H.
LET it, then, go double. B. L. T.

More Time for Practice. A Boston bishop says preachers live longer these days because they preach less, but he fails to state whether they practice more.—Cincinnati

Vacuum Cleaner. If any man has a formula for building what he thinks is a stable government out of nothing it might be a good idea to give him Austria to practice with.—Los Angeles Times.

Want Pie, Not Honors. Austria has been elected to a position in the League of Nations, when what it wanted was a place at the lunch counter.—Dallas News.

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
stumped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make
diagnosia or prescribe for individual
diseases. Address letters in care of
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THAT DISEASE "SHINGLES." Will you kindly, in the near future," M. L. B. writes, "give your readers a short article on shingles? What is the cause? What its cure?

"3. Is it a cold weather disease?

"4. Is it infectious? If one member of a family has it, are others subject to infection?

"5. Is frequent bathing apt to ag-

name for it is herpes zoster, which inspiring, or the lukewarm Laodi-means it is of the same family as cean, who is just an obstacle in the the fever blisters which come around the mouth and nose. The pain of a fever blister is all out of proportion to the size, depth, or location of the sore. This is because the trouble involves nerves capable of feeling pain. It, too, is a form of neurslein.

meuralgia.

Everybody has noticed that fever blisters accompany certain fevers, while they are rarely present in others. For instance, a crop of fever blisters is a frequent feature of pneumonia. In fact, some physicians are willing to make a diagnosis

sible for shingles, and in a large up the cripple and carry him to the part of the cases the pneumococcus surgeon, who will make the crutch is the infecting germ. Instead of unnecessary. THE DEACON. locating in the lung and causing pneumonia, it locates in a nerve and causes shingles. The appearance of the eruption is about that of a fever blister. The pain is that of a neuralgia. There may be fever, but that is not a prominent of important fea-

There are no rules for the preven tion of shingles except those which apply to colds and other pneumococcus and streptococceus infections. It is a disease of all seasons. It is not infectious, contagious, or com-municable. Cold, damp weather is somewhat provocative of all forms of neuralgia.

The treatment of shingles is symp-tomatic. The salicylates are of it. Consulting the Brittannica's article on Anatole Consulting the Brittannica's article on Anatole France, we were inexpressibly shocked to find therein the atrocities, "L'Ile des Penguins" and "Maurice Barres."

Service in As with all other neural the pain. As with all other neural spind therein the atrocities, "L'Ile des Penguins" and "Maurice Barres."

Simple ointments, such as oxide of zinc, are of ments, such as oxide of zinc, are of ments.

Long Words Won't Cure It. Z. E. R. writes: "Being a sufferer from 'winter itch,' I have been inierested in your replies to others. It would seem that your prescription implies that it is caused by dry, hot air in the living rooms. My experience does not confirm this opinion. In the bathtub, where the humidity is 100 per cent, the itching is as bad or worse than in the air.

"It is migratory, appearing for a always somewhere.

"Before the coming of a cold wave it is worse. It is 'bilaterally symmetrical," always appearing on both sides of the body at the same time. If on the leg it will be on both legs: if on the thigh, on both thighs.

"It seems to me that it is an idiosyncrasy, affected by some atmospheric condition acting on the periodic of the periodic of the control the skin."

of your living and working place to 65 degrees and will raise the humid-ity to 50 you will not suffer from winter itch.

Better Be Examined. J. W. S. writes: "About four years ago I was working in Kern years ago I was working in Kern county in the mining district. The mine panned out and my wife and I decided to come to Los Angeles, where we had been living before. She left a few days before I did. When the train I was on arrived at Mojave I went out to get a cup of coffee and the next thing I knew (which was over four weeks afterward) I was in the hospital at San Bernardino. The same thing happened to me twice since. What do you think of my case? I am without money. What can I do?"

service. I suggest that you go volinsane for such examination and



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How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS
Questions concerning hygione, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of

Fairmont, Neb., Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is easy to sit in the bleachers and ridicule an eviticise the game. But error and criticise the game. But it takes a man to cheer an error with "Try it again," and it takes a hero to step out of the bleachers and fill a vacancy on the team. These are the three classes in the world's bleachers, when the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., the church or any organization goes to bat. At any organization goes to bat. At times they go with a weak team, for the strong players are holding down the bleechers and many of them are seeking to discredit the

The best "fan" is the fellow that gravate the trouble?

Shingles is a form of neuralgia, who "plays some game," but the generally of a nerve which runs fellow who just comes to destroy parallel with a rib. The physicians and ruin, instead of cheering and

My game is not the only contest

of infection with pneumococci on the under a cripple because it is not strength of fever blisters and a bad made in my factory will not help old. the cripple across the street. Don't Some such infections is respon- kick out the crutch, but rather pick

> Full of Burning Words There are great possibilities in the English clanguage. Fireproof coal" tells the whole story briefly.
> -New Haven Journal-Courier.



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pheric condition acting on the peripheral nerves that control the skin conditions. I have been troubled with it for many years each winter and have given up hope of relief."

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