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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 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 Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

Readjusting Government Employment.

Congressmin Reavis reports that he is finding great opposition to the work of reorganizing the departments of the government, many of those on the payroll preferring to be let alone rather than to have their attachment to soft jobs disturbed. This is natural enough, but the reorganization, now seriously undertaken, will not be permitted to lag. Almost from the first day of all. our government's existence, it has been confronted by a condition that has now become an actual menace, and is a challenge to our efficiency as a nation. In making the necessary expansions, that the functions of the government might extend to and in some sufficient way serve the needs of a growing country as they arose, additions have been made to the machinery, with a result that it is now a huge and in some ways a grotesque conglomeration of departments, bureaus and commissions, unarticulated and unwieldy, expensive and wasteful.

Grover Cleveland, with his announcement that "public office is a public trust," recognized the situation and clearly foresaw the peril. He strove to secure faithful service and adequate return from the subordinates he appointed. His successors have one after another given the matter attention. Roosevelt tried in vain to apply the remedy through a proper reorganization; Taft presented the matter to congress on several occasions, his message of December, 1912, dealing largely with the report of a survey he had caused to be made. Mr. Wilson gave the subject some thought, and recommended to congress that some better form of doing business be adopted. Now, under Mr. Harding, the big job has been tackled in earnest, through a committee of which Congressman Reavis is a member, he being recognized as one of the closest students of the situation and unusually well informed as to the ceds and relations of the several administrative agencies of the government. The committee has for its purpose the eliminating of overlapping, interfering and duplicating bureaus and commissions; the allocation of duties to the several departments so that the divisions finally left will be properly co-ordinated with distinct regard to their relations one to another as well as to the general plan of administration. Such a definite arrangement would, long ago have been adopted in any private enterprise. The object is not to deprive any present employe of the government of his job, but it is expected that ultimately many useless jobs will be eliminated, and their present holders will be returned to the ranks of industry for employment. The principal end in view is to get the affairs of our general government on such a basis as will permit it to be carried on effectively and at a cost much less than that now paid. When the taxpayers of America realize that they are getting some return in service for the money they contribute, they will not resent so much the annual recurrence of income tax day. And it is to bring this about that Mr. Reavis and his associates are now at work.

stream is 500 miles longer than the St. Lawrence with the Great Lakes, three times as long as the Rhine and twice as long as the heavily laden Danube.

According to an article by Holland recently appearing in The Bee, instead of fighting water transportation, some railroads now are willing to co-operate. If this is so, and if the federal government sees fit to stimulate the revival, a 12-foot channel past Omaha is not a distant

Scarcely a Straw.

prospect.

Possibly there may be some of the thirsty ones who find comfort and assurance in the results of an election in the Minnesota village of Osseo in which the citizens went on record by a vote of 58 to 21 for "legislation favoring the sale of light wine and beer." The dispatch conveys the further information that the council is expected to notify the state legislature and congress.

Nevertheless, this information falls under the classification of "unimportant though true." Somehow, it draws up a recollection of a scene Oakville as the news of the national election began to creep in.

"Cleveland elected?" was the astonished exclamation of a long-bearded citizen. "It can't be, it can't be. Why, Oakville went for Harrison 3 to 1."

Chesterton and Dickens.

There are some persons it is well not to wish to see, much less to converse with over a hand shake or at dinner. Think of those writers or public men to whom you are most devoted and hope never to be disenchanted from your enthusiastic ideal by actual acquaintance. Heroes and idols can not bear close inspection which invariably reveals them to be but human, after

Probably in this way the visit of G.K. Chesterton to America has been unfortunate. He is neither as fat as had been imagined, nor does he rise to the public importunities to say something very clever. It was Charles Dickens who pioneered the American lecture platform for the caravan of authors who have toured our country with what scoffers liken to the aims of the prospectors who went west with "Pike's Peak or Bust" painted on their prairie schooners. Back in the 60s Dickens made his second visit, after having mercilessly exposed the crudities of young America in a book. It is interesting to read the welcome extended to him by "Brick" Pomeroy, one of the most popular newspaper humorists of that day, beginning:

"Boz.

"We saw him.

"'E came from Hengland. Came hover the hocean hin two steamers, the blarsted things! He came over to collect interest on his notes of Americans taken some years since. He said the Americans were hall Hasses, and-the Dickens!" The purpose of this visit, it was hinted, was the combined one of making money and of teaching Americans manners, politeness and civilization. But in spite of the criticism, the tour was a success, just as was that of Ralph Waldo Emerson, who lectured to immense crowds in England and Scotland in the 40s. Perhaps if it is realized that Britain is ready to listen to Amer- tacides.

THE BEE: OMAHA, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1921.

Prussia's Recent Election Analysis of the Voting and Possible Party Grouping

(Walter Littlefield in the New York Times.) The Prussians on February 20 held their first tate election under the new constitution. The

results reveal, even more emphatically than did the elections to the Reichstag last June and the elections in Saxony last November, a weakening of the present governmental system in all Germany by deflections from the coalition parties (in Prussia the majority socialists, the democrats and the Catholic centrists) in the direction of reactionism on one side and of revolutionary socialism on the other.

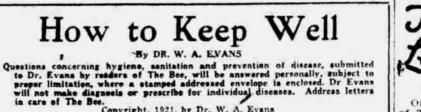
The government, therefore, in order to maintain its majority in the new Landtag, or Diet. will be obliged to ally itself with factions which are either less democratic or more democratic than itself. Leaders of the majority socialists, in view of the pending reparation deliberations with the Allies, are said to prefer the more modified alliance-one with the German people's party, for example. This would mean a decided step in the direction of all that Prussia was before and during the war rather than a step in in a general store in the backwoods hamlet of the direction of rational democracy, of which the foundations were laid by the revolution. Unfortunately, the government cannot mark time, and its present tendency toward das Reichs, even though there be visible no kaiserlich taint in it, is rather ominous.

Soon after William II came to the throne in 1888, he cultivated the social democrats, until they asked him to reconstruct the electorate. which would give them proportional representation. By a species of gerrymandering, which Bismarck had once described as the most dis-graceful in the world, the social democrats, allough measurably in the plurality, on account of the great industrial centers, only had about a fortieth representation in the lower house of the Landtag, or Prussian Parliament. William II had the ambition to become the patriarchal arbiter for the proletariat, but, when they asked for proportional representation, he diverted their attention to more promising political conditions abroad. Nevertheless, under his nursing the rank and file of the social democrats greatly increased in numbers, but without any marked political advantage.

The advantage came with the revolution of October, 1918. A few months later a Constituent National Assembly was elected by universal equal and secret suffrage of men and women, and met March 14, 1919, for the purpose of making a new constitution and of legislating until a Parliament should take its place.

The constitution adopted thirteen months later gave every citizen over 20 years of age the right to vote: a Parliament of one chamber took the place of the old Landtag of two (the Herrenhaus, or House of Lords, and the Abgeordnetenhaus, or Chamber of Deputies) and the ministry, kept in office by a majority of the elected legislators, became invested with the powers of the former king, principally its assent to all laws and its initiative in projects of laws, save those concerning finance, which must originate in the Landtag, or Diet, as the new one-house Parliament was to be called. The election places it in office for four years from its inauguration on March 10.

From the war and the revolution the follow ing party changes had been produced: From the fact that a majority of the social democrats had supported the government's policy in the war, they became the majority socialists, and for a time were still led by Scheidemann, while those who had placed internationalism above Germany joined the independents of the Reichstag who were led out by Hasse, Bernstein and Kautsky March, 1916, and who, under Ledebour, threatened a revolution a year later. Their action then received the applause of the entente, but it must not be forgotten that later from the same crowd sprang Liebknecht and his Spar-



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ESCAPING FROM "NERVES." a day for several months and people are commenting on the yellow hue Inclose clipping of your answer of our skins. Is there any connec-tion as people believe?" to R. W. K.," Yours Very Truly writes. "This is not the first time

REPLY. It is true. It has been proved that when carrots are eaten in large To tell a person to get self-control is not really to help very much. quantities for some time the pigment colors the skin just as feeding Why not direct him to the literature carrots to milch cows gives the but-

Should he be nominated and elect-ed, he will look after the interests of (you surely must know the proper books) that will instruct him to ac-good for the complexion? Yes, for the whole city and not of a few, and a Chinaman he will not want to force people to

pay extra taxes two or three times Here's Easy Remedy. year in order to buy up unsightly places for athletic parks when many Mrs. B. writes: "Please give me places for athletic parks when many formula for excessive perspiration thousands of workingmen of our city are out of jobs. in the armpits.

"1. Is such a preparation harm-We need a successful man for city ful? commissioner, and not one who is What is the cause of pereternally figuring on how he can make the taxpayers pay more money

"3. Would any pharmacist get up its formula for me?" out for unnecessary purposes. If the people of Omaha want a live this formula for me and keen business man for city com REPLY.

missioner, there should be a general A 25 per cent solution of aluminmovement to support George Gribble. um chloride in distilled water. Ap-I write this on my own hook as ply two or three times a week at no one knows that I am writing this Do not overdo. If this night. boost for a citizen who is worthy of preparation is overused it causes inflammation of the skin. The the office he now seeks. FRANK A. AGNEW. formula is simple and easily used.

well

SHORT-ARM POKES. It's Published in Chicago.

M. M. D. writes: "Will you tell me where I can find the Journal of the The real scrap that causes wars is he long green.-Florida Metropolis. American Medical association in which Dr. C. E. Cornwell has pub-After glancing over a few dozen ditorial headlines, we note that the dished the table of foods of which I

read in your interesting article of January 20?" times are still trending .- Nashville Tennessean. REPLY.

Gardening would be more popula: Purchase it from the American one had a caddy to carry his Medical association, 535 North Dearpade, hoe and rake .- Jackson Citiborn avenue, Chicago, Ill., or have zen-Patriot. your bookseller order it. The article

nities just as hard as though they really intended to pay any .--- Roatoke (Va.) Times.

What is the stage coming to? Most horus girls nowadays wear little nough to go out on the street in .-Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch. Now is the time for William Hoh enzollern to step out and crave the

honor of paying the first 10,000,000 marks .--- Boston Herald.

advantage gained over parents. They may look ever so meek and

idea what is in their minds as a re sult of escaped punishment,

way grows up carcless and heedless nothing. Husbands have known for The neurasthenic takes of others' comfort and with no enturies that women's hats were holdups .-- Elmira Star-Gazette.

The world combines against the a problem evoking pity, concern, ex- arrogant man or women and posbreeding of the



gown .- El Paso Herald. Omaha, March 15 .- To the Editor

A United States treasury official of The Bee: I think it is possible that I may claim the credit of sugsays there are millions hidden in the United States. Well, they can search gesting to George Gribble of the South Side, first, that he run for city us.-Springfield (Ohio) News.

ing Bills .- Headline.

commissioner this spring, and I an The new sweet pea to be exhibited very glad to see he is willing to run at the flower show next week is to be named for the President's wife. No one need to blush if he votes fo George Gribble, for he is one of the Obviously, a Harding annual .-- New most clean cut young men of the city. York Tribune and is a successful, business man as

CENTER SHOTS.

Wilson Spent Last Evening Study-

"That's what I call giving some

So did we



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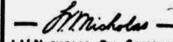
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That's

have thought you lacking in helpfulness to those who appeal to you.

quire poise and relaxation? "Why lead them on to hope for a

solution of their little-big problems only to give words and no means to their ends?" (The writer says she hesitated

about sending the letter, decided not to, then reconsidered.) For the benefit of the readers of this column I should say you went after me pretty savagely, but that, having written your letter, you first this formu

decided not to send it and finally sent it with the signature erased. The need of brevity as well as the wish not to repeat too frequently pre-

vents me from giving a list of books in each public reply to letters about worry, neurasthenia, nervousness, and nervous prostration. I do print such lists from time to time, but I should not be expected to do so at

short intervals. The treatment for such disorders is social. It must be self-administered in the main. Books serving as textbooks for self-cure of bad mental and social habits are of service. I wish every woman subject to nervousness or nervous prostration would read Myerson's "The Nervous Housewife

It would reveal many of them tothemselves. While diagnosis is not cure, it is the first stage of cure. Many women can cure themselves once they get wise to themselves, appeared and that "The Nervous Housewife" 11, 1920. will do. Now that Dr. Myerson has this book off his hands, I wish he would get busy and write a com-panion to it. He might call it "The

Nervous Husband" or "The Nervous **Business** Man." Dr. Myerson does not discuss how

the individual nervous housewife can cure herself, leaving that to the basic good sense of the woman or to her medical counselor. But he does devote a chapter to broad general suggestions as to how to avoid the making of a class of nervous housewives. The balance of the space today will be given over to quotations showing what Myerson means by nervous neurasthenia, and nervous prostration.

"To be neurasthenic is to magnify the pin pricks of life into calamities and to be the victim of an abnormal state that is neither health or dis-43 CO.

"A tired feeling, worse He says: on arising than on going to bed, is a distinguishing mark of neurasthenia. The neurasthenic takes half a day to get going, and at night, when she should have the delicious drowsiness of bedtime, she is wide or to sleep. However, many neu-

of behavior. Neurasthenia is characterized by easily induced fatigue of mind, of purpose, or of mood. The poor housewife is a victim of this disease of occupation-nervousness. Every practicing physician, every hospital in younger days. clinic, finds the nervous housewife

disease ?

be remedled?

REPLY.

harm done is assessed against the last occupation. Seriously, all trav-eling men always should be protect-ed, against smallpox, typhoid fever

d possible pneumonia during the

winter-spring. 2. It is probably due to stable

odors. Certain foods affect the odor of milk, likewise its taste. Why not stick to hot milk or boiled

disease producing bacteria and also drives off most odors.

It's Serious Disease.

REPLY.

of tuberculosis in other locations.

Skin Food for Chinese.

What's What

By HELEN DECIE

danger that this may become a per-

manent habit after the temporary

Neglecting to use the "grinders" or back teeth while cating is not only

injurious to the over-used "cutters'

or front teeth, and to the unwhole-

somely unused back teeth, but the

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cause has been removed.

thing about it and remedy."

Sufficient heating kills all

asperation, despain

appeared in the issue of Decembe "Yap" shall henceforth take it felicitous place in the vocabulary as the place where the wires crossed.

Knoxville Sentinel. Common Sense The Germans kick against indem-

Spare the Rod. By J. J. MUNDY. As a parent, is it not true that

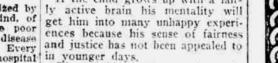
often you did not punish your children when you should, because it made you feel worse than it did the youngsters?

But it is not a kindness to with hold deserved punishment. Children are keener than most per

and seeing distance, but you have no

A child allowed to have its own opted from a bandit's cap.

sense of fairness or justice He has more favors and expects awake and disinclined to go to bed more than he has a right to have. As he grows older he demands rasthenics do not have this quality more and it takes more to satisfy. If the child grows up with a fair



sons think and realize any point of The "crime wave" moves sanient law-makers to enact more rigid gun-They may look ever so meek and quiet when you are within hearing gerous for anybody except burglars

to own a revolver.-Labor. A New York milliner has designed new hat called the "highwayman,"

The Base Ball Fiasco.

No blemish is removed from professional base ball by the dropping of the cases against the former White Sox players who months ago were indicted for the alleged throwing of the world series of 1919. The state's attorney who allowed the cases to be stricken off the docket after the judge had refused to continue them for six months talks now of obtaining fresh indictments, but the public may be allowed considerable skepticism as to this.

The confessions of certain of the players were complete and definite, and one whose sense of justice is unclouded by knowledge of the technicalities of the law will find difficulty in comprehending why the prosecution could not have been prepared against what it now terms the "corruption" of its witnesses, Jackson, Cicotte, and Williams.

It would have been better for the reputation of the sport to have had this trial long ago, that it might pass from account with the opening cf the season. Now, whether it hangs on or is completely abandoned, the public will remember it with suspicion. At all events, it may naturally be supposed the pastime of gambling on the result of games will have a hard time reviving itself to its former proportions.

Can River Boats Come Back?

As far back as 1819 the Missouri river was navigated. Remnants of that great commerce which led ships 2,285 miles upstream to Fort Benton still persist in isolated stretches, but the most astonishing thing that could happen would be a resumption of through traffic.

Yet some Hope of the development of this great waterway through the richest part of the continent is to be found in the statement of the new secretary of commerce, Herbert Hocver, that co-ordination of land and water transportstion must be adopted as a national aim. What may this not mean for the development of river cities such as Omaha, and in the way of low ireight charges for the producers?

The low water volume of the Missouri river is unequaled either by the Ohio or the upper Mississippi. Without falls or rapids it offers an east and west and north and south trunk line pasoing through great mining districts and a stupendous empire of live stock and grain. The hip disease.

ican notabilities, some of the reluctance at exchanging courtesies will disappear.

Women at Prize Fights.

In striving to account for the attendance of women at recent prize fights the theory is now as do the men who crowd the theaters for spectacular performances that center the main interest on the charms of the chorus. In other words, what one of the "folly" shows is to the bald-headed contingent, that is the prize fight to the elaborately coiffeured contingent. In the one feminine grace and beauty furnishes the attraction; in the other the more masculine qualities of strength and physical skill attract.

There seems no doubt that most women admire muscular ability. In college, it is the athletes who are most popular among the co-eds, while seldom does a man become a social favorite through his good scholarship. Some wives, of course, will say that they like best to see their husbands in a dress suit, but it may be suspected that this is because all are on an equal level there, one man as good as the next, whereas stripped for a prize fight hubby might

seem very much at a disadvantage.

However brutal the face of the men in the ring (and not all of them are lacking in facial handsomeness), the fiexible, glistening muscles, the clearness of the skin, the grace and swiftness of the combat, the absence of all awkwardness may well be expected to draw some feminine appreciation. All that exercise and discipline can do for the human hide is displayed with as little reticence as exists upon the stage. Not all women, indeed a small per cent of

them, allow this admiration for the manly art to overcome their natural repugnace at brutalitybut neither do all men attend the "girly" shows. Lots of women are not especially interested in the other sex, anyhow, these days. Newspapers, making a practice of printing the pictures of beautiful women to the neglect of the handsome men, do so on the theory that women like to view their sisters, either to admire or criticize, and feel only the mildest interest in the likenesses of men. So it is that in the matter of prize fight attendance, whatever it may be that draws some feminine spectators, these strug-

The early spring is blamed by an castern psychologist for the crime wave. This is the way he explains it: "Energy which otherwise would be used in keeping warm has been released by the warm weather." And thus is the correctness of a term in the cooler given approval.

gles will remain almost exclusively for mas-

culine eyes.

The American Posture league has hit on a bright idea-instead of telling women that correct dress and standing up straight and breathing deep will improve their health, they are now promising that it will improve the complexion.

The man who is irritated by triffes has no great worries, and when it is considered that the criticisms of President Harding made thus far deal only with trivialities, the conclusion is that everyone is pretty well satisfied.

It takes as much patriotism to pay taxes without kicking as it does to fight a war.

Another thing prohibition is responsible for is

the old clerical or center group became for a time the Christian-democratic people's party; and under this name sought the support of the Protestant clergy and laymen on the ground that all were opposed to the anti-Christian tendencies of socialism.

The former conservative factions, the junkers led by Count zu Reventlow and the pan-Geradvanced that they are asserting themselves just mans led by Count von Westarp, formed under the latter the national party (the Deutsche Nationale Volkspartel) and drew to it some factions from the old center which described themselves as Christian socialists, but who in reality were anti-Semites.

A democratic party was formed, which gathered in the more radical of the old progressive people's party as well as the more radical of the old national liberal party, and many independent republicans besides. Another party absorbed the right wings of

the two parties, which had already lost their left wings, representing the agrarians of the rural districts and the big business interests of the cities. This party was called the people's party (the Deutsche Volkspartei). Just before the Assembly election it attempted to absorb the purely political elements of the Christian-democratic people's party and failed, although it gained many recruits. These were the principal changes observed

the parties which took part in the Assembly elections of two years ago, the Guelphs, or Hanoverian separatists, retaining their ancient program, and with these changes the majority socialists have since maintained a government co-operation with the center and the democrats. During the last two years all three had gained seats, from the minor parties or factions, the majority socialists 3, the center 7, and the democrats 5, but all lost heavily by the recent election, reducing the government's bloc from 305 to 219, while both the conservative parties gained. The people's party, which the coalition is said to be now courting and the less kaiserlich the two, gained 25 seats, and the national party 23 seats. Just what has happened will be seen from the following table, showing the Assembly seating and that of the new Diet as far as the returns of the latter have been cabled:

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		ssembly.	Diet.
	Majority socialists		111
	Center (Catholics)	. 94	83
	Democrats	. 66	25
	Nationalists	41	64
	People's party		43
	Communists	•1 53	3.0
	Independent socialists .		26
	Agrarian democrata	. 1	1.000
	Guelphs	. 6	1416.5
	Other parties	. 6	266
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	Totale	101	

Totals..... 401 The communists did not vote as such for the

Assembly two years ago. On February 20 they polled 1,200,000 votes and elected 30 deputies, With the 26 independent, or minority socialists, they will constitute the extreme left opposition wing in the chamber.

Thus we see this alternative presented to the coalition, which has lost 86 seats, while the conservative or reactionary parties have gained 48 and the extreme socialist or revolutionary par-ties have made a gain of 32 over their sole representative in the assembly, the independent socialists, who there had only 24 seats: Either the coalition in order to keep in office must gain support from the extreme right or from the extreme left. If from the former, which seems at last accounts the more likely, it will ask the support of the least reactionary of the two conservative parties, the people's party, but even so, the latter would naturally demand representation in the ministry. That would be the entering wedge.

Hereditary Peculiarities.

According to an evening paper the lady who has just become duchess of Westminster has "one son, a boy." On the other hand, the duke himself has two daughters, both girls.-Punch London)

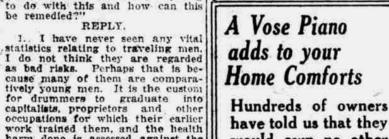
A Nelson Relic.

The sword which the Spanish admiral handed to Nelson on board the San Josef after the bat-tle of Cape St. Vincent fetched 5 guineas at an auction sale at Codalming the other day.-Lonion Times,

"She goes from specialist to spe-cialist, orthopedic surgeon, gynec-ologist, X-ray man, neurologist. By person is at fault and he must suffer A Horse From Aberdeen.

the time she has completed a course of treatment she has tasted all the A story told by the lord provest of drugs in the pharmacopoeia, wears plates on her feet, spectacles on her Glasgow at the Scottish corporation gathering merits a wider publicity nose, has her teeth tinkered with and her insides straightened, has had It was that of a Glasgow man, who had brought down from Aberdeen a Clydesdale, which he had bought course in hydrotherapeutics, electrotherapeutics, osteopathy, and there, and who was dismayed to Christian Science", and there, and who was dismayed to find the horse stand stock still in the middle of Sauchiehall street. All

efforts to move the Clydesdale were unavailing, till at last a man in the Traveling Men Healthy. B. H. W. writes: "I. Please incrowd, who was something of a vet, called out: "Look at his feet!" The form me what are the statistics rel-ative to the healthfulness or unsuggestion being that the horse was healthfulness of traveling as an occuin veterinary phrase, "set." At the pation. Is riding in filthy trains, sleeping in public beds, and eating request of the owner, the amatcun vet came forward to examine the indifferent hotel cooking conducive feet. He lifted the first-nothing wrong-the second, the third, nothto ill health and disease, or do these exposures set up an immunity from ing wrong there, either. The fourth hoof was lifted-with some difficul-"2. What causes milk to taste ty-and it was then found that the strong in the fall and winter months? Does this indicate imanimal was standing on a six-pence. -London Morning Post. pure and insanitary conditions? Does the cows' food have anything



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