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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface.

Arbor Day, Now and Hereafter.

When you plant a tree tomorrow—and you should plant one—it is something more than just setting out a tender sapling that you do.

Considered purely from the utilitarian standpoint, the trees of slow growth are the most useful in the end. Those that spring up suddenly, reminders of Jonah's gourd, may serve for shade, yet beyond that single function they are of little value.

To all civilized nations great attention is being given to forestry at this time. The late war impressed a lesson on the general mind in a way that makes for permanence.

Arbor Day arose from the needs of Nebraska; it had its origin in the mind of a pioneer, who successfully sought to interest the settlers in a comprehensive plan for supplying the omission of nature.

Nebraskans should study the problem, acquaint themselves with what is contained in forestry and the suggested plants for forestation of waste places in the state, and as they become familiar with the possibilities they will understand that Arbor Day in the future is to hold a greater significance than it now does.

Judging by Their Records.

In your own business, would you dismiss an employe who was faithful, energetic, and a profit-producer for you, just to take on one who said he would like to have the job?

City government has many of the aspects of private business; it is really your business, Mr. Taxpayer, and deserves your attention quite as much as anything else.

W. G. Ure made good as county commissioner. His record as county and city treasurer is one of excellent service. He improved the system of accounting, and introduced reforms that saved the taxpayers many thousands of dollars.

Harry B. Zimman served for years as city councilman and acting mayor, and as city commissioner, and his record of performance is a long and creditable one.

Dan E. Butler has had nine years on the city commission, and has in his departments done good work. Dean Ringer has reorganized and disciplined the police department, which he found sadly disorganized.

Consider the records of these men, and compare them with those who are seeking to dis-

place them. James Charles Dahman, for example. He was mayor of Omaha for twelve years. During that time he welcomed conventions and presented keys to Ak-Sar-Ben in front of the city hall.

Victory for the People.

No further vindication is needed for those citizens who, in the face of much pressure and criticism, forced the abandonment of plans to let contracts for paving county highways at peak prices last year.

The Bee supported those who fought the 1920 road program for two reasons: It was opposed to letting contracts at high prices with a lower market in sight; it favored honest-to-goodness permanent paving rather than the use of patented mixtures not yet proven to give 100 per cent satisfaction.

Brick pavement has been tried in Douglas county and proven worth while. Brick pavements of comparatively inferior quality are still in use after 23 years of travel.

Support the University.

To stint the University of Nebraska in its appropriation at this time would not be economy, but waste. Never has there been so widespread an interest in higher education, and our state university, unless the right of young men and women to the thorough training which they seek is to be denied, must have the faithful financial backing of the legislature.

The bill allotting funds for this school has passed both branches of the legislature, and the senate has shown its understanding of the pressing need for safeguarding the institution by increasing the appropriation over that allowed by the lower house.

More than 5,000 students are now at their studies there in Lincoln, and their parents, who are supporting them, surely desire the state to keep up its end and maintain the standard which has made the university one of the best.

The Perils of Childhood. Who can not look back over his boyhood, shudder at the narrow escapes he had and marvel that he survived to manhood?

Commissioners Falconer and Ringer do well to call the attention of parents to the dangers of allowing their children to get out of hand in their search for recreation.

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Where it is possible, parents should go along on these expeditions. It is a good thing to make chums of your boys, and a safe thing, too, morally and physically.

Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, with his bill to create a national railroad corporation to operate any or all transportation lines, may think he is making up with LaFollette, when he is only competing hopelessly.

Mail robberies must stop, declares Postmaster General Hays, and offers a reward of \$5,000 to any postal employe or other person who brings in a mail robber.

One governor of North Dakota, Frank White, succeeds another governor of the same state as treasurer of the United States, but this is no indication that it makes a specialty of training financiers.

Perhaps the president of Chile who told a representative of the W. C. T. U. that he was in favor of temperance was only cracking a dry joke.

The railroads are announcing excursion rates, but nowadays persons are rare who leave a locality desiring more than a one-way ticket.

If the secretary of the treasury could collect the interest on the foreign debt, that would be a Mellon for sure.

The Fremont farmer who spent \$1,500 in one week probably thinks the people who live here are neglecting their opportunities.

Food prices in Omaha went up one-half of 1 per cent in a month, which is scarcely a mouthful.

The cable reports tell of unrest in Petrograd, which makes it seem quite like England or Italy.

When France takes the Ruhr basin it will be in position to clean Germany.

Federal Forestry Policy Pays Government Soon Will Be Reaping Profit From Timber.

(From the Washington Star.) At the Washington headquarters of the forest service they are very reluctant about making claims as to future profits, but they produce the figures and tell the inquirer to draw his own conclusions.

In 1918 sale of timber and other products from the national forests aggregated \$157,430. In 1919 it was \$4,338,414 and in 1920 the total reached \$4,793,482.

All this doesn't mean much, however, until the expenses are taken into account and examined. There will be a net profit from the national forests only when receipts have caught up with and passed the expenses of administration.

In addition to the direct administration expenses there is an "overhead" charge in the neighborhood of a million dollars a year, and a variable cost of emergency fire-fighting, which last year amounted to about three million dollars.

With an increasing sales business to handle, it is reasonable to expect that costs of administration will increase, but receipts from sales are bound to increase much more rapidly than administration costs increase, so that the five-year stretch to a profit indicated by the 1921 figures will, in all probability, be reduced.

In fact, receipts for the present year are going to take a tremendous jump, due to the opening up of pulp wood stumpage in Alaska. Sales of Alaskan pulp will total, in a round figure, a million dollars, are now in process of negotiation, and Alaskan pulp manufacture is a very juvenile infant industry.

Now does this end the story of pulp wood and its possibilities in making the national forests profitable. In natural forest lands in a wide strip of Rocky mountain territory running south from the Canadian border there is enough standing pulp wood to make the United States independent for all time of outside sources of supply.

Now, it having been demonstrated that making the national forests pay a profit is a profitable business, it is not surprising that the possibilities will be interested in knowing what the possibilities of those profits are.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

PLAY AS A TEACHER. Yesterday I replied to a letter from Dr. Evans, who observed that organized major athletic competitions, such as basketball in the grammar schools, I wrote especially about the mental and social disadvantages of such a development.

Children play instinctively. Their play is determined by the drive of their ductless gland secretions, their inborn love for competition, their social qualities, mental alertness, and physical development.

Aside from the limitations placed on them by parents and teachers the amount of playing they are determined by the spirit and their physical limitations. No person can watch children play without recognizing their instinctive tendency to slow up when they get tired.

The death rate at the minimum in the kindergarten years rises sharply at all during the year of the school. It is in fact the fatal sickness rate is high during the period, but that is because of infections, and play by building up immunity against enough infections to offset what it causes by contact.

Children are given to nosebleed, dizziness, swimming of the head, fainting, vomiting. The prevailing cause of these ailments is infection. They have some heart disease, but that is from infection and not over-exercise. They have some Bright's disease, but that, too, is from infection.

I can see no objection to any school policy which encourages play. The question is, Does organized major athletics, carried out in the grades, encourage play, or does it directly. The fame of championship base ball games fills the corner lots and quiet streets of the cities and meadows of the rural districts.

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in favor of the state law, he only detailed five enforcing officers for the whole state of Nebraska. Later this number was reduced and now there are but three.

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EDITORIAL SNAPSHOTS.

Anyway, President Wilson wouldn't have any trouble in making out an itemized statement of what he got out of that Versailles trip.—Richmond (Ind.) Item.

Between elder and vinegar there is what Mary Roberts Rinehart would call an amazing interlude. To dry agents: Watch the interlude.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A society woman plans to startle the world by appearing on the stage in tights. If she wants to do something really startling she should appear in a long skirt.—Baltimore American.

Slayer sent back to school, says a headline. He must have bungled the job.—Buffalo Express.

The Way of the World. After a fellow has pulled all kinds of wires and worked like thunder to get a job, the papers usually say he has "accepted a position."—Brookfield, Mo. Argus.

Teachers of voice or of instrumental music often find their favorite piano losing its original tone and resonance.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Omaha's Toll Gate. Omaha, April 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is only one argument against a free bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs, and that is the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway.

There arose a question as to whether the state prohibition law superceded the national prohibition act. Mr. Elmer E. Thomas and men of his views were so insistent that Prohibition Commissioner Kramer decided that the state law would be supreme in Nebraska.

The fire department is maintained at a public expense, yet some people may never have heard of it. How would it do to collect toll from those who have fires?

The circular says, "Not a dollar would be paid by non-resident tourists." On the Council Bluffs side of the toll bridge there is a big sign, "Welcome to Omaha."

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"We Told You So." Omaha, April 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Last summer I heard a "fool socialist" predict just such economic conditions as we now have. The average man did not know what was coming until it came.

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