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- The Bee's Platform 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways...

For the Good of Nebraska. With the passage of the agricultural tariff bill by the senate the republican party enters on its pledged course of protecting the farmers.

Those members of both houses who have always been known as friends of the farmers voted in favor of this measure. The reasons for this were well set forth in a speech by Senator Capper of Kansas, who said:

It is to be hoped that it is in the minds of the authorities to do something of this sort for the Douglas county court house. The exterior has now been restored, but the contrast between the new white blocks of stone and the dingy old ones is too glaring to be pleasing.

It sometimes is claimed that no tariff can benefit the wheat farmers, part of whose crop must be sold in competition abroad, on a world market.

Discovering Omaha. Those pictures of the young women who are to appear in the May fete of Omaha university provoke the thought that Omaha, on account of its size, does not realize to the full the importance of the educational institutions centered here.

Confidence in Public Officers. There is much in the selection of men who are known to the public for high positions in a democracy. Appointments such as that of Gen. John J. Pershing as chief of staff of the army are well made.

American are interested in, and proud of General Pershing. There may be several others of high military rank who could perform the duties of chief of staff, but if their names were not widely known, their usefulness would be so much the less.

co-operation of public sentiment which backs up men who are better known. With Pershing in full direction of the training of the regular army and reserves, and also leading the war staff which has charge of drafting plans for use in case of war, the country is bound to feel more secure than if some one of less fame were in this place.

In Wildest America. Not much can be made of the bare news of guerrilla conflicts in the West Virginia coal country. The struggle between the miners and the operators has dragged through many years, now. The fact that it continues and that armed bands fire on each other along a 15-mile sector bears out the contention which has been so often made, that the civil government of the state has failed to fulfill its duties.

In spite of the wonderful scenery, the crystal clear mountain torrents, the green clad mountains and its great natural wealth, the coal district is a most sordid, unhappy one. The little towns set in the narrow valleys, some of them not 200 feet wide, are owned by the corporations which control the mines about which the houses cluster.

These facts are admitted by all concerned. This is what is the matter with West Virginia. Popular government has broken down there, a situation that is complicated by the fact that the miners come from the oldest American stock, with a tradition of freedom that does not exist among immigrants.

Remove the Scars. In this spring season of cleaning a number of business houses are painting and polishing their quarters, householders are brightening up their premises with fresh colors and within the homes the good wives are in the midst of a siege against the winter's accumulation of dust and rubbish.

Gold Imports and Credit. Gold has been pouring into the United States from abroad at an astonishing rate, until this country now holds 39 per cent of the world's total gold stocks, or \$3,000,000,000. During March this stream of bullion averaged \$40 a second, and from January 1 to April 20, the excess of gold imports over exports was \$244,000,000.

Opinion concerning the result of this accumulation varies. Some monetary experts anticipate a brief period of inflation and temporarily higher prices, to be followed by further depression. Others declare this not possible under the present circumstances, and it is pointed out that as long as the increased gold stocks are used to build up depleted bank reserves they will stimulate prices no more than if the metal were still under ground.

Liquidation is no doubt necessary, but a moderate expansion of credit such as is evidenced by the reduction of rediscount rates in all the federal reserve districts except Dallas and that of Omaha and Kansas City can not be criticized as too liberal. The Minneapolis district is the latest to announce a cut from 7 per cent to 6 1/2 per cent on commercial and agricultural paper.

The Chicago woman who explained in court how her dress shrank until it was clear up to her knees and stated that she could not wear it on that account, must have been terribly old-fashioned.

Lloyd George has once more conjured up the dragon of revolution, and like St. George of old, will proceed to slay it, to the applause of the populace.

Wilson, III., a town named in honor of the former president, has been dropped off the railroad maps, and now Wilson is less ill than well.

Edison isn't in politics, so he can tell the world exactly what he thinks about its lack of intelligence—many heads, no brains.

Ben Franklin's Boston Home House Where He Was Born Not Known to Sage Himself

Ben Franklin is the great man of Boston this week. The public is likely to be found to be rather more prompt and enthusiastic in honoring him, on the occasion of the visit of the Bartlett statue next Saturday, than it has been in paying the tribute of spontaneous homage even to the Pilgrim Fathers. It is rather an unusual thing, indeed, for a statue to travel about and have public receptions, like a live man.

One thing that the parade next Saturday may be taken as settling definitely, is the question—of what still remained of the question—of the spot of Franklin's birth. It is an odd circumstance that he himself apparently did not know where he was born. He is said to have told Mrs. Hannah Crocker that he first saw the light at the Sign of the Blue Ball, at the corner of Hanover and Union streets.

The house of Josiah Franklin has long been represented in an authentic picture shown in the store on the ground floor of the Franklin building. Its appearance, before it was destroyed by fire, and doubtless good for the time when Josiah Franklin lived in it, has been thus authentically set forth in Shurtleff's "Description of Boston."

It is rather an odd thing that most people think of Benjamin Franklin as a little man. Just why, nobody truly knows. The Nomad himself has great trouble in visualizing him as he was—a man five feet and eleven inches tall, of good figure and altogether personable appearance.

Failures Laid to Cigarets. A correspondent ascribed the unusually large number of failures in school-boys at Omaha State university to the growing prevalence, as he assumes, of the cigaret habit among young people of both sexes.

Take the Circus to the Children. The old-fashioned legislator, when he wanted to do something for the children, would take them to the circus. Now the style seems to be to buy them a million shares of Elevated.—New Bedford Standard.

How to Keep Well By Dr. W. A. Evans

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CONTROL OF DIPHTHERIA. St. Mary's Training school at Des Plaines, Ill., an orphanage which has a steady population of more than 1,100 boys and girls between 4 and 15 years of age. As is the case with every children's home, they are troubled by a good deal of diphtheria.

With Our Unknown Soldier (From the New York Times.) Little attention has as yet been given to the announcement that Marshal Foch is intending to come to the United States with the body of our unknown soldier, but the occasion is likely to prove the most moving and dramatic of this period following the war.

That's Right Idea. Mrs. L. W. writes: "Will you please send me the book for the laity on heart troubles of leakage of the heart, as I would like to follow directions?"

Angina Pectoris Explained. M. C. A. writes: "Just what is angina pectoris? 2. What are the symptoms? 3. Is it curable if taken in time or is it always fatal? 4. Does it always end in sudden death? 5. Is there much suffering connected with it?"

It's Hard to Describe. Miss M. C. writes: "What is Reynaud's disease? My finger ends become white and numb in cold, damp and raw weather and I noticed from your articles that you say this is a mild form of Reynaud's disease."

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The Irish Question. Omaha, May 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: Rumors of an Irish settlement are going to the fore. Very soon we are to have an end to the terrible condition of the people of Ireland, and as impatient as we are to see with the parties involved, we should keep some elementary facts in mind, viz.: 1. Ireland is a separate nation, distinct geographically as well as ethnologically.

Park Vandals. Omaha, May 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: When my wife and I moved to our place across the street from Spring Lake park on the South Side, 17 years ago this spring, the park was one mass of weeds to be weeded every quarter, as there were thousands of all kinds of wild flowers with their beauty and perfume, including sweet williams, violets, daisies, blue bells, and the pretty ferns, besides many kinds that I do not just now remember the names of.

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