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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station.
2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways...
3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean.
4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha...

Putting Two and Two Together.

From the democratic members of the ways and means committee comes the expected and perfunctory denunciation of the tariff bill that has been reported to the house by the republican majority.

Much is made of the lessened volume of imports and exports. On the surface this is impressive. Examination, however, robs the argument of much of its merit.

Our foreign trade shows a notable contraction, when compared with that of the war period. No surprise should attend that discovery.

These facts all affect the tariff question, which is not applicable to the movement alone, but concerns a considerable span of years.

United on the Waterway.

Farm organizations are not behindhand in recognizing the benefits from a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the sea by way of the St. Lawrence River.

Water transportation is cheaper than that by rail; but the estimate of a saving of 10 or 11 cents a bushel in freight charges, carefully computed as it has been, still is amazing.

An "International Incident."

The promptitude with which Canada has apologized for the action of a lad who attempted to tear down the Stars and Stripes from the American consulate in Hamilton, Ont., is in accord with the friendly relations between the United States and its northern neighbor.

Refusal to render apology for offense is considered an affront to national honor, and sometimes even salutes and diplomatic explanations do not suffice to calm ill feeling.

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Whatever else happened, the call for rain was met.

power." Granting that this may be true in many instances, no such considerations enter into the relations between Canada and the United States.

In the Matter of Water Rates.

Omaha's manager of public utilities felicitates himself, and incidentally the public, that in nine years the municipal water plant has almost paid for itself.

A little reflection must convince anyone that Mr. Howell's figures justify a further reduction in water rates. The reserve is accumulating at a rate that is far in excess of reason.

Omaha's municipal water plant has been a glittering success in all ways save one. It has not furnished water to the small consumer at a minimum rate.

Reduction of rates by 52 1/2 per cent in the nine years has been accomplished, but the charges to consumers were admittedly too high before the city purchased the plant, and are too high now.

A Rainbow of Steel.

For the second time a reduction in prices of steel has been announced by the United States Steel corporation. The public mind must be forgiven if it turns back to the announcement a few months ago by Judge Gary that lower prices most certainly would not be forthcoming from this great industry.

Whatever the plan, demonstration has been made of the utter impossibility of even the greatest corporations maintaining a price scale out of proportion to the general level of other industries.

Cheaper steel means much to the building industry, which has been greatly hampered by the costs of materials. It is easy to see that a resumption of building will bring lower rents.

Colonel Harvey's Second Speech.

Plenty of time has elapsed for the outburst, yet no flareback is noted in the wake of Col. George Harvey's second speech in England. He made it on the Fourth of July, and he talked right out in meeting to the peoples of Europe, just as he did on the occasion of his first public utterance, which caused such grief to a lot of American editors and publicists.

On the contrary, the war cost this country, for the time it was in, proportionately in men and far more in treasure than any other spent. We were late in arriving, but our contribution was not stunted nor negligible, once we did get in.

German newspapers are making the most of the opportunity to criticize France and England for brutality on account of that prize fight, although neither of the combatants were "spurious venenkt."

Idaho vigilantes and South Dakota kukluxers are not helping matters in the least. If the radicals can not be answered by reason, force will not convince them.

Charles M. Schwab says the world is five years in arrears on production. And this debt can not be paid in money.

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On Cruelty to Animals

Boston Digs Up New Form Which Starts a Debate.

(From the Boston Transcript.)

A test case of cruelty to animals was brought up in the courts yesterday in the prosecution of two employees of the American Express company for punching the ears of horses of that company and inserting tags in them.

It was not a case of deliberate attempt to inflict pain but a system of identification. This system, while apparently new in the case of horses in this vicinity, has been used in New York state without prosecution of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals there, and in the case of other animals—cows, pigs, etc.—is common in this state, the most eminent example being its use by the Massachusetts state bureau of animal industry to mark cows in connection with the tuberculin test.

It was sought to prove that a cow's ear was less sensitive than a horse's. While several veterinarians testified to that effect for the prosecution, such authorities as the commissioner of animal industries for Massachusetts and a prominent veterinarian of the federal service, testified to the contrary.

This specific case is comparatively unimportant. The question is whether we shall prevent cruelty by coercion or by kindness. Whether we shall convert the perpetrator into a supporter or merely make him sullenly obedient. Wanton cases are rather hopeless, and naturally require force, but much cruelty is due to mistaken kindness, while in many cases a strong difference of opinion exists.

But let us leave the merits of this case out of the question. What we consider the main fault with the system of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is that it stresses too much abolition of cruelty by prosecution and pays too little attention to constructive work.

Some years ago the society saw fit to prosecute and prosecute successfully—a prominent young sportsman who later was awarded the Legion of Honor for work in the war and previously had been active in the very practical purchasing of worn-out horses and putting them to a painless end.

Murdering Our Timber

It is shown by the forest service of the Department of Agriculture that in five years the forest fires have swept across nearly 60,000,000 acres of territory—an area greater than the combined extent of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Underlying this tragedy of careless, needless waste is the melancholy fact that in nearly every instance the human factor was immediately at fault. In no connection is the old adage as to the ounce of prevention more directly and clearly applicable.

It is an insult to the bounty and the beneficence of nature thus to treat one of her richest and most universal gifts to mankind. Our modern age preaches and exemplifies the conservation of waste products, and on every hand in legislative halls and in public discussion we hear the hue and cry that is raised against "squandering."

Her Saliva Bed.

A west side woman, not up on the names of flowers, told her neighbor that she had planted a row of Saliva around her front porch.

While Waiting.

Whether tax revision shall wait on tariff revision, or vice versa, does not seem to matter much when it is so evidently the disposition of congress to keep each other waiting for the other indefinitely.—Boston Transcript.

Better Leave It to Government.

Someone suggests that Liberty bonds be used to make a bonfire. Just be patient. That's what the government will do with them in time.—Florida Times-Union.

United States War Record.

During 145 years the United States has been engaged in 110 wars or military expeditions.—Dearborn Independent.

Measure of Man.

The measure of a man's weakness is the age of his suspenders.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

FLYERS IN FLY FINANCE.

"I see by the papers," says John McKenna of Archey road, "where a women's club somewhere down state's gone busted payin' for flies by the hundred."

And John McKenna is right. Buying flies by the hundred in July would bust the bank of England.

The fly control measures which get results in midsummer are those directed at fly breeding places and the worst of these are manure and garbage pails.

There is nothing wrong with a fly purchasing proposal in July, but the basis of measurement should be a quart or a pound.

Properly baited fly traps and fly screens are valuable aids to cleanliness, particularly around dairies, meat markets, and groceries.

The effective procedure at this season is disposal of stable manure. In some places they try to keep the manure in properly made boxes and to screen the flies away.

Results vs. Theory: C. L. A. writes: "On the 18th you answered a question that had been put to you about taking yeast."

whether or not yeast had anything to do with me being relieved of that length of time. I will be glad for you to comment.

The theory is that gout is due to the retention in the system of substances derived from cell nuclei and therefore rich in nuclein.

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The Bee's Letter Box

Quiet Zone for Hospitals.

Omaha, July 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is no doubt but what a city ordinance is in existence ruling that all possible means be used to avoid noise and disturbance around hospitals of the city.

It would have taken the United States heavy artillery to contribute to the din and roar that the patients of the Fenger hospital were the attentive and most inappreciative listeners to during the Fourth of July.

These inmates would much appreciate the establishing and maintaining of a quiet zone around this place of suffering, even after they have successfully combated these aforementioned enemies of convalescence, so that those who take their places will have at least the peace of mind so essential towards bringing an invalid back to health and usefulness.

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