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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.

High Toll Taken by Railroads.

In days not so very long ago the farmer drove or rode to the grist mill, carrying his sacks of grain to be ground into flour or meal.

At present the toll, taken by the railroads for hauling a car of corn from a station 127 miles away to Omaha amounts to 392 bushels, or almost one-third of the total, assuming that the car is loaded to the maximum of 1,200 bushels.

No miller ever would have proposed taking toll of one bushel out of three for grinding grain. Yet that is what the railroad exacts for hauling the grain to the market.

An amendment to the Esch-Cummins act has been introduced, the effect of which will be to do away with the absurdity of the long and short haul rates, and put the tariff somewhere nearer the basis of service performed.

A Man's Cellar May Be His Brewery.

Ever and anon the right prevails, and this time it was in the house of representatives, Mr. Volstead of Minnesota not participating, that a decision was reached which emancipates the home brewery.

One of the unreasonable aspects of the enforcement of the prohibitory law has been the invasion of the home by officers, acting on suspicion or assumption. Pursuit of a possible crime has led to the commission of an even greater, though such is the peculiar temper of our courts that seldom is the violator of the sanctity of the home even censured, let alone visited with the wrath that should follow such conduct.

Whether this amendment to the law will stand the test of the senate is yet to be determined. Sound reason supports it, however, and the cause of prohibition will lose nothing by its enforcement.

Keep a Little Bull Snake on the Farm.

Considerable excitement was created in an Omaha home one day lately when the mistress discovered an intruding bull snake making himself more than comfortably familiar about the place.

and mice. In other words, what a real farmer needs is a corps of bull snakes, about one to the acre, to rid the place of vermin. One big drawback to the arrangement is apparent. Most of us are inclined to get excited, just as the ice men did, when we see a snake, and the average man is not prepared to draw fine distinctions when he encounters a reptile casually.

Relief for Nebraska Butter Men.

An opinion by Attorney General Daugherty with reference to sour cream butter will bring great relief to the Nebraska butter men. It is held that the addition of a neutralizer to correct the amount of acidity in the soured cream is not an adulteration in the meaning of the law, and so will not be forbidden by the revenue department.

One of the remarkable opinions coming from the office of A. Mitchell Palmer under the last administration was to the effect that the process of making butter employed in Omaha and elsewhere in Nebraska would subject the product to a heavy income tax as well as require that it be labeled "adulterated" when put on the market.

At no time was it shown that the butter made in this state is lacking in any of the qualities that go to make up a high grade article, or that the addition of the slight amount of alkali required to neutralize the excess acidity had any deleterious effect on the butter.

Probably the most eloquent tribute that can be paid to George L. Tilden's memory will be contained in the statement that he was a doctor of the old school. This does not mean that he did not keep abreast of the progress science made in the healing art while he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession; nor is intended as a reflection on the doctors of today, who live and work under conditions far different from those of fifty years ago.

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Postmaster General Hays was looking at Omaha last week when he was making his speech to the Rotarians. "We need fewer 'thou shalt nots,'" he said, "and more of the come on; let's go."

A few days ago The Bee called attention to the expansion of retail trade as indicated by the extensions being made by big firms to take care of their business. Just at present the Board of Education is taking steps to immediately start work on the erection of a \$3,000,000 high school building, to take the place of a collection of unsightly shacks that now house one of its most important activities.

Omaha is a long way from being dead, or even moribund. Throngs on our streets, busy men and women passing to and fro on their errands, activity in every direction, leave little room for the croaker. And on all sides may be noted the signs that what has been done is only a good start on what is going to be done.

The governor and the Board of Regents are to submit their points of difference to the courts. This is better than undignified bickering, and ought to settle an important question concerning which there is now room for difference of opinion.

Des Moines contributes a victim to the list being gathered by the policeman who "fires in the air" to halt a fleeing man. Some day this sort of thing will receive a check from the courts.

Those thoughtless trustees are likely to make things a little tough for the prisoners left behind.

Good morning; been investigated yet?

Looking Toward World Peace President's Formal Invitation to the Conference a Promise of Its End.

The broad and eloquent terms of President Harding's formal invitation to the principal allied powers and China to join in a conference at Washington on disarmament reveal the thought and hand of the secretary of state, who has long had this important subject deeply at heart.

But naturally it is not enough to state these grounds for common action—not enough that the nations, by their acceptance of the invitation, should acknowledge them. The nations must do something in the matter besides talk and confer and proclaim their good will.

But a warning, too, is implied in this language of the Hughes note. No one power can do all the renouncing. The desire for peace, and the spirit of willingness to eliminate the causes of controversy, must be general. Concession, based on the spirit of mutual tolerance and zeal for peace, must be matched by concession. America can not justly be called upon to pull up and withdraw the stakes she has driven down merely in order that another country may advance hers.

From Farm to Table.

How to span the gap between producer and consumer is a vital subject these days, especially vital in the case of the farmer and the housewife. Once upon a time the coming of summer brought to the table fresh fruits and vegetables to refresh the jaded winter appetite.

High prices for fresh grown produce do not help the farmer if the public can not buy. The farmer blames intermittently the railroads, the middlemen and the consumer. Now comes the spokesman of the California co-operative marketing movement, who says that the farmer has the remedy in his own hands.

There seems to be sound sense in the argument. Certainly, present methods are not satisfactory, and the farmer no less than the consumer will benefit by an improvement. Mr. Shapiro admits that most attempts at co-operative merchandising have failed, but he believes that lack of intelligence in differentiating in kinds of produce and localities was the cause.

Man's Duty Today The important thing now is that men should think peace, talk peace, demand peace, and realize both the immorality and irrationality of the old foreign policy as far as it was concerned with relations with the world.

A Pretty Petty Way Lord Northcliffe's stabs at Lord Curzon, British foreign minister, drew blood. "He is not particularly fond of Americans," he said in one interview at Washington; and in another interview he phrased it more severely: "He (Curzon) is hostile to Americans in general."

"But Always to Be Blest" President Harding tells us that we are on the verge of a new era of peace and freedom. Maybe so, but we seem to be always on the verge of these new eras. What we need is some statesman who can teach us to make a sudden jump and land right in the middle of one.—Charleston News and Courier

How to Keep Well

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BABIES 'F. O. B. PITTSBURGH

For some necessities of expression the men of the street have coined excellent words. For example a man is "vamped," a woman is "psyched," if that is the quality desired.

The Hebrews and the Italians were successful in keeping their babies healthy in Pittsburgh. The Poles and the Slavics in general and the Austro-Hungarians were least successful among the white groups. The negro babies had the least chance of all.

A good deal is being done to protect babies, but it was not always wisely done. Too much money was spent on milk. The infant hygiene division of the health department spent three-fifths of a certain amount of distribution of milk, four-fifths of the milk being given away, and only two-fifths for salaries.

REPLY Mrs. W. L. W. writes: "I have a baby 4 months old. Due to poor health, cannot nurse her altogether. During the day she gets modified milk in these proportions: 10 ounces boiled water, 9 1/2 ounces top milk (pasteurized), 1-2 ounce lime water, and 2 1-2 table-spoonfuls milk sugar. Feedings, every three hours: amount, 5 ounces. She does not take more than two ounces of water a day and a small amount of orange juice. Her stools are very curdy and foul smelling. What causes this? How can I remedy it? Weight at birth, 8 pounds 12 ounces. Weight now, 22 pounds 4 ounces. Is this correct?"

REPLY Your formula seems to me a little strong. Rather too much top milk and too much sugar. Why not weaken it a little? Her gain in weight is about right.

REPLY Mrs. T. M. writes: "My little boy is 2 years old. He has been troubled with vomiting ever since he was a baby. I have taken him to several doctors, but all do him no good. He leaves his stool in a bad condition. He has all his teeth, which are good. He is very pale and thin. Bowels move twice a day."

REPLY Many children who vomit easily have acidosis. My first thought is that you do not feed him properly. A child of that age should have a pint of milk a day. He should not eat more than one ounce of meat. His diet should consist principally of bread, cereals, soups, vegetables and



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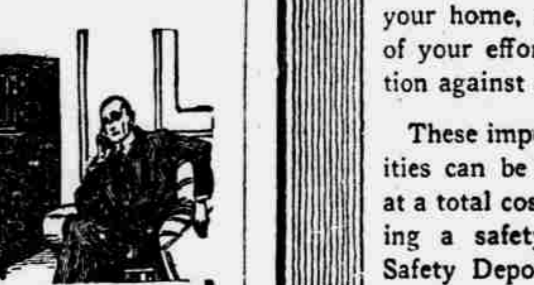
Another View of the Klan. Boone County, Neb., Aug. 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: Maybe it doesn't behoove a woman of the old-fashioned type to jump in print, but I noticed some letter regarding the Ku Klux Klan in your paper; so while I am one of these old-fashioned American women, I would appreciate if some one of these muslin-capped knights of the dark who claim to be 100 per cent Americans tell me what a good American must be.

Forty years ago, when I attended a little sod school house on the prairies of this good state, Nebraska, I was taught that for all things a true American had to be above board in all his doings and dealings.

They say, "I am out to protect our women and girls." That is certainly nice, but in my younger days I sure would have had my hand on the butt of a gun if I had been with a fellow who was afraid to protect me in broad daylight, with uncovered face, and I believe that the girl of today would be safer in the company of the boy who has the courage to carry that much-coveted chip on his shoulder in bright daylight as he at the mercy of a Klan that takes the oath in a darkened room and hides his features in a muslin cap.

REPLY Mrs. E. J. C. writes: "Is it ever possible for a child to have infantile paralysis and never know it? My boy of 6 walks on his toes all the time. One doctor told me he had infantile paralysis when he was a baby. He was never sick. His feet are perfect, but he cannot let his heels down well. He walked at 14 months. What can I do about it? Will it get worse as he gets older?"

REPLY Children not infrequently have infantile paralysis without the disease being suspected. The illness may be considered a passing fever, bowel trouble or cold. Write the state board of health and ask them when the next infantile paralysis clinic is to be held in your neighborhood. Take the child to that clinic.



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