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

Who Killed Virginia Rappe? It is too soon to send "Fatty" Arbuckle to the gallows...

If scandal has marked the growth of the moving picture industry, a share of the blame greater than the half must be borne by the people.

It is any wonder that the Pickfords, the Fairbanks, the Chaplins, the Arbuckles, feel they have a right to do what they please...

Motion pictures may be clean; most of them are; in fact, the greatest of them are irrefragable from a point of morals.

It is not caring what "Fatty" Arbuckle does, so long as he is funny in the film; what the private life of any of them is, so long as they are entertaining or amusing in public...

Cuba's Financial Muddle. A peppery leader of the Cuban liberal party publicly complains that the delegation recently sent from Havana to Washington was coldly received.

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the prospect for fall business is most encouraging, and whatever else may be true, Nebraska will be neither cold nor hungry during the winter...

Should Railroads Be Self-Supporting? Railroad earnings for last July amounted to almost \$70,000,000, which is to be compared with a deficit of almost \$12,000,000 in the same month of 1920.

The movement for a general reduction in freight charges will find no encouragement in these figures. Through a policy of cutting tariffs on certain commodities, as on live stock in the west, the transportation interests evidently are counting on decreasing the pressure on them without making any general concessions.

This remarkable idea is best explained by reference to the fact that the item of freight always appears whether the product has been shipped or not. Omaha, for example, is unable to buy sugar any cheaper for the fact that it is produced in quantities in the beet fields of western Nebraska.

It is not the fault of the railroads, and the fictitious freight charges are not collected by them. But it is plain to see that the lower freight rates are made, the lower prices will be, not only on articles shipped into a community...

Playing With Phrases. The inconsiderables, who have not been able to see anything good in the Harding plan, are juggling words again in a vain attempt to cast suspicion on the coming conference at Washington.

South Dakota is thought of as almost wholly an agricultural state, and yet only 117,246 of its citizens are engaged in farming; this is 54.1 per cent. There are 22,026 engaged in trade, 26,351 in manufacturing, 13,796 in the professions, 12,823 in transportation and only 1,435 in mining.

Still Cuba is not to blame for wanting Uncle Sam to pay her bills; she has had plenty of encouragement from others no more entitled to help. Leon Bourgeois also regrets that the United States did not join the League of Nations, but he may yet come to understand why we did not.

A gain of \$10,000,000 in Omaha bank deposits looks awfully good, however small one's own share may be.

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It looks as if the "movies" were finally to be cleaned up. It pays in the end to be decent.

Mr. Ford's Railway Miracle Success With D. T. & I. Due to Lower Tonnage and Higher Rates. (From the Railway Age.)

The "railroad miracle" which Henry Ford is supposed to have wrought by converting the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton from a deficit incurring property to a profit earning railroad in a few months has been due, not to any change in the method of operation but primarily to an increase in the average freight rate per ton per mile.

"This large increase in freight earnings, in spite of a big decline in the total freight handled, could have been due to only one cause, and that was an increase in the average rate. And there was a very extraordinary increase in its average rate per ton per mile—a thing to which public attention never has been called before.

"To what was this remarkable increase in the average rate per ton per mile due? Chiefly to two things: First, to a great change in the character of the traffic handled. Mr. Ford began his railway practically all of his freight business, and the freight handled directly and indirectly by him was mostly of a high grade.

"Secondly, the D. T. & I. has been able to use the large volume of traffic originated by the Ford interests to secure larger divisions of the through rates on all traffic hauled partly over its line and partly over other railroads, and the great bulk of the traffic has been of a high grade.

"But how about the reduction of 20 per cent in its local rates and the advance in the wages of its employees which have been so widely advertised? Neither of these went into effect until July 1, or later, and therefore neither of them had anything to do with the increase in the railway's net earnings which have been so widely exploited.

"It has been said, however, that Mr. Ford is so completely convinced of the desirability of a general reduction in rates that he has proposed that a reduction of 20 per cent be made in the rates of all railroads. It is not our purpose to impugn Mr. Ford's motives, but there are certain important facts about this proposed reduction in rates which are worthy of consideration.

"The Railway Age had its doubts as to whether even Mr. Ford could strike the stone of railroad operation and make floods of profits immediately burst forth. He has demonstrated in the manufacturing business that in certain ways he is one of the greatest geniuses of the age.

"The results of an investigation made upon the ground and of a study of the official figures regarding the operation of the D. T. & I. show that under the Ford management, the financial results of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton have been very greatly improved. The also show that no miracle has been worked. The results obtained thus far have been due almost entirely to the circumstance that the ownership of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton has been acquired by one of the largest manufacturers in the country, and that Mr. Ford has used his position as a very large shipper to do things on the D. T. & I. which neither he nor anybody else could have done without being such a large shipper.

"To carry the possibility still further—if an unknown, a man named McCombs, had not been possessed of, we might say, an obsession to bring about the election of a certain individual to the presidency, and a certain other individual, Bryan, had secured the prize, Germany might today be overriding the world, with the allies and ourselves in the dust.

"What's Business Between Friends? French purchasers of supplies left behind by the American army were willing to send them over and undersell the United States markets. There are impulsive moments in every life when it is difficult to allow friendship to interfere with business.—Washington Star.

One Ray of Cheer. There are so few pleasant features of the new tax bill before congress that it were ungrateful not to take notice of some of them. One especially is the fact that Representative Claude Kitchen is writing the minority reports on it this time.—Kansas City Star.

How to Keep Well 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 write for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

LEARNING FROM CHILDREN. "The Physical Growth of Children From Birth to Maturity" is the title of a study made by Dr. B. T. Baldwin of the University of Iowa.

Mary Vary Baby's Diet. Mrs. T. C. S. writes: "I am nursing my 6-month-old baby and will nurse her through the first year, if possible. She weighs 17 pounds, never has needed a physic or enema, and has two and three good bowel movements a day.

How to Detect Fever. Worried Mother writes: "I. Can a person have fever while perspiring? 2. Can a thermometer show an elevation of temperature when fever is not present?"

Bryan at Baltimore (From the Baltimore American.) The controversy concerning William J. Bryan's intentions at the national democratic convention of 1912 has never been settled to universal satisfaction.

Dupes of the Soviet (From the New York Times.) Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, "Ambassador of the Russian soviet government, testifying at Washington before the senate subcommittee investigating Russian propaganda, on January 30, 1920, filed a list of firms in the United States with which he said he had contracts to supply goods to Russia as soon as the restoration of direct relations between the two countries made shipments possible.

Four Projects Suffer Setback Council Rejects Committee Reports on Street Improvements. Revenue From Eggs and Honey Brings Prosperity After 20 Years.

Reports of special committees on the following property improvement projects were rejected yesterday by the city council committee of the whole: Widening of Twenty-fourth street from Pacific to Cuming.

'Quickserv' Resumes After Slipping a Cog After credit men and poor business, the good cafeteria "Quickserv" is again on its way, full steam ahead, in charge of Mrs. Lillie E. Baker, for 11 years in charge of the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria.

Payment to Depositors In Pioneer State Starts Paying off of about 250 depositors of the defunct Pioneer State bank started yesterday at the State Bank of Omaha.

Committeemen to Meet. All committee members of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at a dinner to be given at the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. Plans for the coming year will be discussed. The meeting will continue not more than two hours, according to J. David Larson, commissioner.

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