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The Bee's Platform

- 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways...

Amending the Esch-Cummins Law.

The little experience the country has had with the law under which the railroads were restored to private ownership has not been such as to win public confidence in its provisions.

A demand by the governors of certain western states that the section of the law permitting the earning of 6 per cent be repealed is to go alongside the demand made by a railroad president that the transportation system be relieved from the intensive regulation to which it is now subjected.

The guaranty provision of the law is permissive rather than obligatory. Whenever a road earns above 6 per cent, the excess is impounded by the government for specified purposes.

Repeat of the provision will not have the effect of automatically lowering rates, although it will re-establish a forgotten principle of business, that of open competition, where every tub stands on its own bottom.

Let's Have a Welfare Federation.

There should be the fullest co-operation between the charitable organizations of Omaha. There is no need for competition in service given or in the collection of funds.

Both these objects can be attained by the formation of a central council of all social service agencies such as is now being considered. The federation movement and the community plan of financing relief work is spreading through the country.

Long Life in California.

Figures will jump through a hoop or lie down and play dead for a statistician. This remark might be applied to the present dispute between light rate experts in Omaha, but for present purposes there is even a clearer example in a boast made by California.

Now, if anyone attempted to point out that the life span of those in an old folks' home is longer than that in a children's orphanage, a great laugh would go up, although its truth could not be denied.

children have left the old home. In many cases they are far beyond the average death line of California when they arrive there, for in these days few are able or willing to retire before 60.

In Honor of Will Carleton.

Cognocenti may get comfort from celebrating the 60th anniversary of the death of Dante—or was it his birth?—but the common folks will find a lot more of interest in following the proceedings at Hudson, Mich., today.

"Over the Hills to the Poorhouse" has been sung in every land, for its sentiment, and many a tear has been shed over the sorrowful fate of those who suffered because of the ingratitude of their children.

from which many a grin has been extracted, as the old farmer details the number of vexatious experiences he has had with the partner of his joys and sorrows. In turn this was followed by "How Betsy and I Made Up."

What a lot of trouble would be saved divorce courts if husbands and wives were to remember this example. But Will Carleton's "Farm Balada" contains many beautiful pictures of rural life, and deserve all that has been said in praise of them.

Internationalism of Anarchy.

Americans have just been afforded an excellent example of what is contained in the radical movement for the destruction of existing governments. In Massachusetts a pair of Italian anarchists were convicted of a capital crime and accordingly sentenced. In Paris the American ambassador received notes of warning that, unless the sentence passed on the murderers in New York were remitted, that he would be attacked.

Anarchy is international, a menace everywhere. No matter under what mask it lurks, it still is the same, and the soft-headed idealists who mistakenly encourage the loose ideas prevalent as a result of "modernism" give aid and comfort to those bent on destruction. No less do those "bourbons," who stubbornly persist in opposing all forms of social advance, contribute to the continued life of the red movement.

Anarchy knows no country, bolshevism is bent on destroying all governments save that of its own approval, and Americans should recognize this. If our institutions are to be preserved, it will be through the vigilance of the people, with the enforcement of law everywhere and against all offenders, no matter what their station. Anarchists must be taught they can not terrorize a free nation, and others should learn that no man in America rises above the law.

Cheering News from Chicago.

While no definite information has come from the conference between the Labor Board and the brotherhood chiefs, the meeting opened with an optimistic feeling prevailing. It seems reasonable that where all hands go into a conference hoping to reach a settlement, that some satisfactory result will issue. Not in a long time has so momentous a gathering assembled in America. On its decision rests the question of further peaceful progress toward resumption of business, or whether that course will be stayed until a question of mastery is decided by force between the managers and the men of the great railroads.

Woman 100 Years Old Has Received a Proposal of Marriage from a Man of 103, but she probably will not wish to be an old man's darling.

Harvard to Give Instruction in the Chinese Language and the Orientals no doubt will have their bit of fun over the Harvard accent.

Governor Kendall wants something done to relieve the stagnation in the central west. If he will be patient he may get his wish.

Lloyd George yet hopes to be at the Washington conference. Fortunately, the national capital may be reached by water.

Any loyal Nebraskan can afford to put in with the home industry movement, as it is for the good of all.

Unemployment is diminishing in Omaha, according to the official reports, which is good news to spread.

A sauerkraut cocktail might go well—after a good many other drinks.

The Blocs in Congress

Republican Leaders Move to Restore Discipline to Majority. (From the Philadelphia Ledger.)

It was on Tuesday that James Eli Watson, republican senate leader, gave notice that henceforth he would demand a "republican bloc" in the senate. It was about time that some one demanded this.

For months now we have been trying to legislate by "blocs." There is a "Pacific bloc" and a "mine bloc," a "manufacturers' bloc" and last, but by no means least, a "farm bloc," that has been the most active and arrogant of them all.

With sixty of the ninety-six senators answering to the name of "republican" as such in the Congressional Directory, the republican program has jammed and stuck fast. Administration measures and party pledges have been battered out of shape and kicked around like empty tin cans in an alley.

The hooftroops of the "farm bloc" decorate many sectors of the administration profile. The embattled farmers from the corn belt and the cow country have mutilated the Harding program and made the administration eat much dirt on the tax, tariff, railway and other pet White House measures. What the "farm bloc" hasn't taken care of in the matter of sticking crowbars through the administration wheels and tossing pipe wrenches into the machinery the "labor bloc" has done.

Party lines, so far as the republican ranks are concerned, have ceased to exist in many instances and on divers occasions. When they rallied the republican majority for an attack in force the old-time republicans fell sprawling in the barbed-wire entanglements far, far from the first-line trenches.

Called upon to go "over the top," the boys who make up the "blocs" were inclined to hold a meeting, take a vote and refer the proposition to the locals of the American Federation of Labor, or to the farm bureaus of Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin and the Cotton Growers' union of Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Senator Watson has served due notice that all this is to come to an end. Republican senators are to be kept on the job, by night and by day, and an effort is to be made to redeem party promises and platform pledges. The majority does not expect to perpetrate any outrages on the minority, to muzzle the democrats or carry out any set program of brutalities. In mentioning such purposes and determinations the Indiana senator warns his fellow partisans:

We on the republican side have a majority. The majority must act or government based on the will of the majority will fail and be destroyed. He might have added that a more immediate danger lurks in the certainty that unless the republican congress does what it is pledged and put there to do it may cease to be a republican congress. That is the steel tip on the end of the party whip lash.

The republican majority has been turned into a minority by the "blocs" it shelters. They have defied the president, turned their backs on the party and snapped their fingers under the noses of the elder statesmen of their creed. They have shrugged their shoulders at the feebly wielded party whip.

In that lash now to be applied in earnest? Can the administration bring back the discipline that has been broken? We shall see what we shall see.

A Short-Sighted Policy

Announcement that friends of the late Frank K. Lane have raised a fund of \$100,000 as a memorial to the former secretary of the interior, the income to be paid to the widow during her life, is a reminder of the niggardly compensation we give our public servants. Here, in the last fifteen years of his life Mr. Lane was engaged in the government service, having occupied two positions of great responsibility. As a member and chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission he made an extraordinary record of usefulness, displaying qualities that would have commanded a large salary as an executive in private business enterprise. He received numerous offers of positions that must have been exceedingly tempting not only on account of the financial considerations, but because they presented opportunities to become a leader in the world of business. These were consistently refused. As secretary of the interior Mr. Lane was generally regarded as the country's strongest man in Mr. Wilson's cabinet and it is no secret that had he been born in the United States he would have been the choice of the most respectable and influential element of the democratic party as a candidate for president. After a distinguished period of service at Washington Mr. Lane finally found it impossible longer to refrain from making provision for the financial future of himself and his dependents and resigned to accept an attractive business position. And then shortly after occurred his lamented death. He had had no time in which to secure a competence. Now his friends have found it necessary to provide a fund for his widow.

There is much to be said for the British system whereby men who render distinguished service to the state are not only adequately compensated during their term of office, but are provided for liberally upon their retirement when necessity arises. It is the way both to get and to keep good men in the public service.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

No Vision Painting

Those who are dissatisfied because the president has refused to proclaim the birth of the millennium express a criticism that is hardly calculated to further the success of the Washington conference. The president would not raise false hopes probably because he knew the chances of doing so were slim. His predecessor's loose promises of a "new era" and a "new order of mankind." Mr. Harding has seen the consequences of dangling promises impossible of fulfillment before the credulous. He beheld with pain the backwash of disillusion that swept over the world when the peoples discovered that their idol had feet of clay.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS. Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation, diet, etc., should be sent to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee. Will be answered personally, or by mail, if desired. Address: Dr. Evans, 1212 S. 16th St., Omaha, Neb. Address letters in care of The Bee, 1212 S. 16th St., Omaha, Neb. Copyright, 1921, by Dr. W. A. Evans.

THE MILK SICKNESS.

How much Abraham Lincoln was influenced by his stepmother and what would have been the effect of a different stepmother, personality, and whether his career might have been different had Nancy Hanks lived, have been much discussed questions.

In fact, Nancy Hanks has been the theme of a great deal of discussion and few incidents of her life are so escaped discussion. Some of the New Englanders attribute her death to the privations and vicissitudes of the life of poor people in the west in the early part of the last century.

But the majority of those who have written in the Iron Master of his mother, said: "Both of her parents died of a mysterious sickness within two days when the mother returned to her home in the west. This disease was called milk sickness."

Nobody knew anything about it until the late Dr. J. C. H. wrote up to this time. During a critical epoch in Ohio and Indiana, hundreds of pioneers died from it. It was a disease that cattle contracted and beside it fever and ague were just nothing at all.

Because this disease played havoc in the early days of the west, the families of Abraham Lincoln and Chase Osborn, Dr. A. J. Clay of Hoopston, Ill., decided to end the mystery and find out the cause of the disease. It was a disease that cattle contracted and beside it fever and ague were just nothing at all.

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A Conference of Equals

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Likes The Bee's Method.

Omaha, Oct. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: As one of the ministers interested in the "Gipsy" Smith campaign, I want to express my deep gratification at the way in which you have been handling and featuring the affairs of this movement.

I am quite sure that the wide publicity given to the "Gipsy" and his words will be helpful not only to our own city but also all over this state and western Iowa served by your paper.

With deep appreciation, I am, cordially yours, TITUS LOWE.

Praise for Dudley.

Omaha, Oct. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please, Mr. Editor, you appeal to Chief Dempsey to abolish the clownish performance of Traffic Officer Dudley. Why? Did he try to get you to respond to his direction? Did he use a little too much personality? He is right about half of the people driving automobiles should not. He ignores your sneers, also your smiles, whose heart is in his work. Where there is all the world another policeman that works as hard as he does? He could bluff like the rest. He is full of pep and energy. In one day he utilizes more energy than President Harding does in a year. And he could step in and fill Chief Dempsey's position in 10 minutes. What Chief Dempsey should do would be to put him back on Sixteenth and Farm and double his salary, and fire about 14 of the truck horses he has directing traffic. I think he could take your position, Mr. Editor, and put a little more pep in this small-town paper.

Read on. If you could take his position for one hour and direct traffic without having an accident or get any energy, in 10 minutes I would give you half of my year's salary. The cause of most accidents are not thinking, slow thinking, slow driving, not pointing direction and left-hand turn on the busy corners. Don't let the traffic officer guess the way you are going; point it should know. In Los Angeles it is a law that every auto have an arrow pointing the direction. Now, Mr. Editor, call up Chief Dempsey and tell him you were just can't find a few more officers that have a little pep that can give the taxpayers at least 50 per on the dollar. Dudley don't have to work that

Optimism and Unemployment (From the Washington Star.) The decision of the United States Steel corporation to spend \$10,000,000 in expansion of its manufacturing plants and improvements deserves the wholehearted applause of the nation upon two main grounds. In the first place it marks the first step upon a large scale of what is obviously the most practical and certain method of meeting the unemployment problem. In the second place it connotes a degree of optimism as to the near future of American industry which cannot but have a heartening influence upon those to whom the depression which has overhung gripped the nation has brought chronic gloom.

In assuming the function of planner in reducing unemployment through the effective means of furnishing additional employment, the steel corporation sets an example which all who can would do well to emulate. Under existing market conditions it has been found impossible to operate the mills at more than 50 per cent of capacity. Many thousands of employes have of necessity been laid off. The corporation, seeking a means of alleviating the resulting distress, determines to avail itself of an excellent opportunity to extend its existing maximum capacity. It is an undertaking one must possess of strong emergency reserves either in cash or credit, and that the nonpossession of such reserves will preclude many from following the example which they will applaud. A time when the unit cost of production is greater than the unit price of sale could hardly be held to be an advantageous occasion for increasing the number of units produced and sold in a normal business. Yet it is equally true in many instances that, playing an equal part with depleted reserves, the timidity with which many industrial establishments today regard the future is contributing extensively to current unemployment.

The action of the steel corporation should be regarded as dispelling that timidity. Here are the responsible heads of a huge industry who, looking forward into the future to estimate the probable trend of business, decide that the prospects are such as to warrant the expenditure of \$10,000,000 upon plant extension and improvement. Operating at 50 per cent capacity today, they anticipate an industrial revival in the near future which will demand more than 100 per cent capacity from their existing plant. Deliberately, and with all the confidence borne of an assurance which a patent to all forward-looking business men, they have decided to take advantage on an excellent opportunity to prepare for the need of orders they anticipate. It is probable that nothing could more surely hasten the arrival of the hour for which they are preparing than would a general emulation of their sound policy by all who are in a position to do so.

American Legion's Big Work. The report at the convention of the American Legion of New York state is one that suggests the growing worth of the legion posts in the communities. Some of their patriotic activities are illustrated by this list. In one county visiting more than 2,000 foreign-born adults to explain opportunities for instruction in the schools; in another, assisting in maintaining night schools for adults; in another, seeing that every home has a flag; in another, entertaining 350 newly naturalized citizens; in another, maintaining a flagpole and raising the flag daily, and in many, furnishing leaders for Boy Scout troops.—New York Times.

One Place a Ford Can't Reach. "You couldn't drag me into the United States senate," says Henry Ford. As Henry couldn't push himself in, there seems to be reasonable ground for his statement.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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Improvvidence and Vandallism. In nothing that we have done have improvvidence and vandallism had a freer hand than in the slaughter of our game and the destruction of our forests. The lust to kill beyond the limits of the law and decency has wiped out our game; the camp fire and the cigar but have been able allies of the ax in murdering our forests.—Saturday Evening Post.

Up-to-Date Proverbs. Every nation takes the view that disarmament, unlike charity, should not begin at home.—Shoe Retailer.



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La Azora advertisement for a new ten cent cigar, featuring an illustration of the cigar.