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The Bee's Platform

1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement with a Brick Surface of Main

Thoroughfares leading into Omaha. 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean. 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

Farmers' Prices Must Come Up.

Commodity prices in general are estimated to be about 51 per cent above those of 1913. This would mean little and work no hardship if the relationship of the price of one commodity to the vest had remained constant. If all had declined to the same degree from the peak, or risen to the same degree from pre-war levels, buying and selling could have gone on without much slowing down. The same amount of wheat or corn would then exchange for the same farm implement or other article as before, no matter where the general level of prices might be.

The dollar as a measure of value has lost much of its meaning. The important question now is how much of one commodity another will exchange for. Thus, although prices of grain and flour are close to the level of 1913, their purchasing power today is only 74.1 per cent of what it was then. Live stock, meats, hides and leather, stand at 64.2 per cent of their former exchange value. Corn stands lowest of all grains, with 57.6 per cent, which means that it requires twice as many bushels now to buy the other necessaries of life. Wheat stands at 84.8 per cent, and flour at 88.1 per cent. While best narive steers are at 70.2 per cent, hogs are at 56.3. beef at 46.4, pork at 74.8, and ham at 100.7 per cent of the purchasing power of eight years ago.

Of the group of metals and metal products, according to the research department of the First National bank of St. Louis, which has compiled these statistics, only steel rails have advanced relatively in price, while copper is at 52.3 per cent. The other groups, of fibers and textiles, fuel, and building materials, all show purchasing power in excess of that before the war. Building materials occupy a position 18.7 per cent above their old ratio. The discrepancy between oats at 72.8 per cent of their pre-war purchasing value and brick at 151.7 per cent is enormous. Coal at 125 per cent of its former purchasing power, cotton finished goods at 141.7 per cent and serge at 132 make a strange contrast with wool at 78.2, calf skins at 62.9, rice at 76.8 and

cotton even at 108.6. No one can look at these comparative figures and not realize what it is that is holding up the trade and prosperity of America. Prices of all commodities must be brought again into line. Until a bushel of wheat or corn will exchange for as much of all other commodities as it did formerly, there can be no relief to the farmers, however much credit is extended them. And until there is relief for the farmers, there will be no relief for the men who have goods to sell to the farmers. Farm prices must be brought up to the general price level, and the sooner this takes place, the sooner will employment and rrade resume its natural volume.

Getting Results.

One of the interesting features of the Washngton conference is the apparent willingness of all the leaders to come out into the open. This policy is distinctly a disappointment to those who had hoped to make capital out of the fact that the business of the gathering was being carried on in camera. Widest possible publicity is given to the transactions of the plenary sessions, while the heads of the different delegations have freely discussed plans and policies, so far as possible, n advance of formal declarations. Thus all are airly committed to the main purpose of the gathering, that of limitation of armament, and even have accepted the bold program offered by Secretary Hughes on behalf of the American government. China's case is making headway. the sympathetic reception of the Chinese program, and the definite acceptance of some portions of it, showing the tendency of the delegates to deal fairly with the weak and unwieldly republic, promising that the way will be so tleared for the consideration of other items on the Far East list. All details may not be agreed to without full consideration and some concessions from one or the other of the nations, but the ten tys life of the conference indicates that it is approaching an understanding and in a most satisfactory way. Diplomacy has taken a new character, and the nations are gainers thereby,

Reduce the Friction of Taxation.

That \$1 out of every \$135 collected as taxes goes for the expense of collection is the statement made by an official of the internal revenue service. While this does not seem exorbitant, yet no effort ought to be neglected to reduce it. The estimate concerns only federal taxes. It would be interesting and instructive to have the figures for state, county and municipal tax col-

One of the requirements for a good system of taxation is ease of collection. It is obvious that any levy which calls for intensive and costly investigation is wasteful. The comparison may be made to a piece of machinery whose power is cut down by excessive friction. There have been

methods of easy computation of taxes which have other faults, of course. An instance is the sys-DAILY (MORNING) - EVENING-BUNDAY tem once used in European countries of taxing windows. These could not be concealed, but the burden resulted in the closing up of many apertures and the loss of light and air in the ouseholds.

After all, the natural resentment of mankind to paying tribute even to his own government, in return for protection and value received, is responsible for a good part of the expense of tax collection. Tax dodgers put more than the burden they escape on those who pay willingly, for they serve to increase also the expense of col-

America and France.

Aristide Briand has told us very plainly the reasons France feels it must have protection against Germany. Those reasons are potent; the feeling in France is not nervousness incident to shock of a great war; history justifies the apprehension felt, and until the German people by their own acts warrant the conclusion that they have given over their traditional enmity for France, the French people will either be compelled to remain constantly on the alert, or to have assurances from the outside that protection will be given them.

This latter course seems to be the most desirable. An alliance of strong nations, each retaining sovereignty over its own affairs, pledged not only to defense but to prevent aggression, is the surest guaranty against a renewal of the war. Secretary, Hughes fairly voiced the sentiments of the American people when he said this country will always be ready to "stand for the institutions of liberty wherever threatened." No threat to the German people is contained in this; our well-established record of friendship for all nations is the proof that is now offered of good faith and intentions. France need ask no stronger pledge; the imperialist plotters of Europe no

Until the people of Europe cease to divide and subdivide along racial or linguistic lines, forming new states that consist of clans rather than of races, each containing the elements of potential war, it is idle to preach "internationalism" in America. Here we have given them the finest known example of how a federation of states can be formed into a great and powerful tral government, "Self-determination" is leading in the opposite direction in Europe.

The bond between America and France, however, is such as makes it very certain we will not again passively consent to the invasion of our sister republic as we did in 1914.

Idealism Not Exclusive.

One of the most disconcerting things that can happen to the comfortable theory that radical movements are entirely based on envy is the occasional revelation that persons whose position in life is more than comfortable are engaged in agitation. The arrest of the nephew of a Chicago millionaire in connection with a mass meeting to raise funds for the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti is an instance of this kind. The imprisonment of William Bross Lloyd, descendant and heir to the founder of the Chicago Tribune, as a communist, is another.

Most people do not like to look at these facts or even to speak of them. A college professor recently attempted to explain the phenomenon on the basis of mental disorder. This would be a pleasant thing to believe, but none of the figures in radical movements as yet have been sent to madhouses. What must be admitted is that in with the strange mixture of envy, unrest and dissatisfaction which makes up the usual radical movement there is a modicum of idealism. The note of human brotherhood is sounded pretty loud by some of these organizations, even though in practice they show a great deal of class

This strain of idealism can not be put down by arrests, or met adequately with anything less than the showing of idealism by the conservative factions. They must prove that they care. It must be shown beyond all possibility of mistake that society as at present constituted offers the fullest possible opportunity for individual and collective welfare, not only of a material sort, but cultural, too, before the radical propagandists are red headpiece, they are continually being mis thoroughly put to rout,

Municipal Disarmament.

The city commissioners of Omaha are employed by the people of Omaha to run their public business. In case of a difference of opinion between them, why shouldn't they discuss the matter amicably and settle it peaceably, just as they would if they were employed by a single individual instead of by a large group of individuals? Why, just because it is public business, must men's judgmont be ridiculed, their motives assailed, their good faith impugned? Why should not a public official have the strength of a normal human being, along with his weak-

Yes-this might apply even to the conduct of the police department and criticism thereof.

The mayor of Lincoln's idea of frustrating robhers by locking jewelry up in safe deposit boxes instead of wearing it, and carrying only small change may not be simply perfect, but it is perfeetly simple. It appears to be an effort at economic blockade, while the more direct course would be to sail in and clean up the criminal farmers,

ng a sugar factory. Westward the course of in- gone the police department anyway! dustry takes its way, and more and more of the products of Nebraska's farms is sure to be turned into finished articles without being shipped a mile by rail, let alone half-way across the continent,

The cold snap, which drove twenty-two men to seek shelter for the night in Omaha's jail, reveals once more the topsy-turvey condition which teeds and houses men who break the law but has no adequate relief for those who are

'The statement of a New York minister that 85 per cent of runaway marriages fail no doubt is based on actual observation, and it corresponds closely with the public impression. Father and mother know a thing or two, and their opposition is usually based on valid reasons.

Shubert has bought a community building, thereby moving ahead of many other places where the people have nothing in continon but

THE HUSKING BEE -It's Your Day -Start It With a Laugh

THANKSGIVING CHEER.

It is not the rare aroma Of the annual festal spread, The pumpkin pies and jellies

And the turkey, chestnut fed, It is not the thoughts of banquets-Nuts and fruits and sauces tart, That mark a glad Thanksgiving

It is not the costly china Nor the cut glass, glist'ning bright, Soft rugs nor rare old tapestries

It is not, indeed, the richness Of the things now to be had That marks this blythe November day

And makes Thanksgiving glad It's the happy, smiling faces

Of the ones I love to see. That makes Thanksgiving joyful And endears it unto me: It's the dear ones that remind me Of the gladsome days of yore,

It's the kiss and handelasp hearty And the welcome at the door. And when they have all departed.

With a pipe my dreams invoke, I seem to see their faces In the curling rings of smoke; I live the glad day over Till my pipe shows ashes gray-

Why can't they be with us always

Bringing thankfulness each day?

PHILO-SOPHY.

If you see defeat staring you in the face turn your back on it. Only 26 shopping days to recover from buy-ing your Thanksgiving turkey and do your

Christmas shopping-early. And among other things, of course, another turkey to buy on Christmas. But you don't mind a little expense on Christmas, there are so

A butcher gets everything out of a pig-but the squeal-and he gets that out of the customer.

Newspapers predicted the high cost of turkey. Also that the humble egg would try for a nation, with a highly organized and strong cen- new altitude record. Dealers seem to be assiduous readers when it comes to items of this nature. Wonder if anyone will by any advertence lamp that little squib anent a drop in coal. That is, outside of the consumer, of course.

> GOING UP. Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Beyond the reach of you or me-But Humpty didn't have a fall For Humpty was an egg, you see.

TODAY'S IDLE THOUGHT. The bird who chirps that he will try anything once is the guy who scoffs the wood alcohol-

One thing about the wooden alcohol-most Ten were insane or had major of the goops it kills are better off out of their mental disturbances.

"We were marooned out in the country over night and all we had to eat was soup.'

"Where did you get the soup?" "Well, you see, our auto turned turtle."

OUT GOES HE. A man made a small mental bet That a Thanksgiving turkey he'd get, He asked in tones jerky The price of a turkey He's not regained consciousness yet.

Today is a day of fasting-among those who invited out for Thanksgiving dinner.

Speaking of indoor sports, did you ever sec the sugar bowl with the butter balls?

Marrying a girl with money might be called . . .

CALL OF THE WILD.

ference is now in session, daily bulletins are coming in announcing casualties and fatalities among hunters of big game in the northern

Although most of the city chaps who ankle to the timbered wilds in search of the festive deer and moose, top 'emselves off with a bright taken for domesticated animals and ruthlessly slaughtered. We know fellows who ought to wear some

sort of distinctive dicer when they go fishing. Awfully easy to mistake 'em for a fish. No reports of any bona fide deer or bear having been killed have been received as yet, but of course the season is still young. If the guides

get the hunters all killed off, or vice versa, they the nunters are wild game before the lid goes on.

Hunters are often mistaken for deer, but no head do. Wearing a binder is all that is necessary in many cases. may bag a few wild game before the lid goes on. one ever heard of a deer being mistaken for a hunter. A wonderful nature has endowed the deer with a high, intellectual-looking forehead.

If the furry denizens of the tall timber were afflicted with a sense of humor, the city hunters wouldn't need to carry a gun. Deer would laugh 'emselves to death at the comical make-up of the

It is proposed to make November 11 our perpetual Thanksgiving day. Darb idea, but it is expected it will be fought bitterly by bank clerks whom it will cut out of an additional holiday from their arduous duties. However it will at least have the merit of injecting a little variety into the national feast day. It won't always fall on Thursday.

guy under the red hat. Cuckoo!

It is announced that long green will now take the place of red tape in financing corn-belt

Cold winds blowing around loose all over the city causing people discomfort, and clouds Dawson county is on the right trail in seek- obscuring the sun right in broad daylight. Dog-

> ISN'T IT THE TRUTH? 'It's the early bird That gets the worm A saying wise, we wot. Reverse the term. The early worm gets caught.

AFTER-THOUGHT: Cupid is still a court PHILO.

Ready to Pour Out Millions.

Not only are the commercial banks filled with mey ready to be employed with the resumption of industrial and commercial activities, but the savings institutions are in a similarly plethoric condition, filled with funds, a large portion of which will no doubt be devoted to homebuilding and improvements as soon as prices and interest rates are propitious.—Washington Post.

Viper of the Sea. More than any other tool of war, except gas, More than any other tool of the disreputable things it did. You cannot think of a submarine without recalling the fate of the Lusitania and of Kitchener.—New York Herald.

How to Keep Well By DR. W. A. EVANS

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POOR OLD STOMACH!

"The stomach is the greatest liar in the human anatomy." An experienced surgeon made this state-

When any organ in the abdomen is diseased the bell rings in the stomach." - A very prominent sur-geon, who has operated on the abdomen several thousand times, com-monly makes the foregoing state-

"The stomach is the spokesman of the abdomen," is the way another surgeon puts the same thought. For more than 10 years I have had a hundred or more people write

me each day. The majority of them write me about their symptoms. More complain of indigestion than of any other one symptom. In fact, many more—possibly twice as many as complain of any other symptom. Of those who complain of indigestion, 90 per cent have no thought other than that the stomach is the

diseased.
John M. Blackford of Seattle told of a very careful investigation of the real cause of indigestion in 1,000 cases studied by his associates and himself.
Only 44 had too much acid and

42 had too little as the result of what is commonly known as indiges-Fourteen per cent had organic disease of the stomach or nearby intestine; 83 had ulcer of the duode-

num; 38 had cancer, and 16 had And these two groups let the stomach out. All the rest of the thousand people who came complaining of dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach trouble were suffering from disease elsewhere. They felt the symptoms in the stomach just

as a one-armed man feels pain in the missing fingers.

More than one-third had disease in some other organ in the abdomen, but none in the stomach.

The gall bladder was the chief offender. When a man gets gail stones or an infected gall bladder the chances are that he will take pepsin or some other dyspepsia remedy or chew gum.

Constinution was the cause in 71 of the sufferers; 13 had pelvic trouble; 78 had appendix trouble. Dr. Blackford does not think the appendix is the cause as often as people think. Twenty-five per cent had diseases in organs located outthe abdomen-remember-

causing dyspepsia. A good many had fallen stomachs. Blackford holds, as physicians generally do, that fallen stomach is little more than a chance to complain, availed of by those who get great happiness from their miserie One hundred and fifty-six were neurasthenics, neurotics, and others

with symptoms enough, but no evi-dence of disease anywhere. The plain teaching of this broad study and experience is that a diagnosis of indigestion is not enough That the seat of the trouble must be found, and that rarely is the stomach itself at fault. Generally, it has nothing more to do with the case

than to ring the bell-sound the

-when the disease appears elsewhere. Child Cured of Rickets. Mrs. G. E. L. writes: "I noticed your column that a mother inquired how to cure bowlegs in her 17-month-old baby. My boy at 18 months had the worst case of bow-legs I ever saw. I was told by my family physician to give him a tablespoon of lime water and a tablespoon of heavy cream every day. Inside of a week the bones began to stiffen and in a month

or two his left straightened out en-tirely and he now is a straight limbed little boy of 6. I used no appliances and he ran about as usual while he was taking this treat-REPLY.

Wait for Cold Weather. Mrs. C. M. writes: "1. I am much

worried about my little boy. Since he was a year old his navel has protruded, possibly as much as an inch. I keep a button on it, which he sometimes pulls off. Is there anything else I can do about it? Will he outgrow it? He is now 2 years 2. Are cold or the summer

cereals as good for him as cooked cereals? He does not like cooked cereals." REPLY.

Experiment in cool weather. Where Did You Get Him? Faithful writes: "I am writing to ask if you will kindly let me know

how I can make my husband take a bath. Doctor, he has taken only two baths all summer, and now when he is near me I can smell that terrible body odor. I am ashamed to think I am so near one I love dearly who can be so dirty. I bathe myself and the children always when he is home to show him how nice and clean we are, but it does REPLY.

There is no law on the subject and the government cannot help you out if it wanted to. Are you and the children strong enough to catch him and scrub him? That's the way you would handle a dog.



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Turkey

(From the New York Times.) It is a penalty of attaining the highest of our offices and honors that every year there is presented to the president to grace his table on Thankegiving day an enormous turkey. This bird never attains the size of an ostrich, indeed, but it weighs about as much as a cassowary, and its weight, though im-pressive in the abstract, is so far from directly proportioned to ten-derness and edibility that one cannot help wondering whether the president carves these monsters or merely expresses his gratitude to the donor and quietly dispatches them to heartier—and harder—est-

ers than a man in his position is likely to be.

Of course, a big turkey is not necessarily an old and tough turkey, but he must be of the gobbler variety and at least very fully adult. In other days the presidential turkeys always came from Rhode Island; now Texas is supplying them, and of the specimen supplied this year by that state, so much larger than Rhode Island, it is solemnly affirmed that it weighs 55 pounds! Perhaps it does, but it is only kind to hope that this figure is a permissible exaggeration. If it isn't, then may the compassionate tear start in many an eye at the thought of how many days the president will have to eat cold sliced turkey before he arrives at the penultimate stage of turkey croquets and the con-cluding one of soup made out of the

bones.

If only he could have a small and young turkey, instead of a large and elderly one! There would be so much less of it!

(From the Washington Star.) Just why turkeys should be sell-ing 10 cents a pound higher in Washington than in Baltimore seems to be one of those things, as Lord Dundreary said, no fellow can find out. Apparently is just happens, but it happens so regularly that it beging to look as if somebody has picked Washington out as an easy mark. In this present case the local prospect is that turkeys, now selling at 50 cents per pound alive and 55 cents dressed, will go to 79 cents a pound this year. At the same time the Baltimore prospect is that the selling price will fall. This means one of two things, that more turkeys will be put into Baltimore than are now available in the market, or that turkeys will be held out of the Washington market. If there is any square dealing in the turkey trade those Baltimore turkeys ought to flow into the Washington market to get the higher prices. In which case, if the law of supply and de-mand has any force whatever, the Washington price would fall and the

Baltimore price rise.
The secretary of labor, noting this tendency toward excessive turkey prices. declares that he will eat Thanksgiving dinner rather than pay 79 cents a pound for cold storage turkey. This is good talk, and



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change of diet as a protest. There will be many to follow him. But why should such a protest be neces-Everyy, Cheer Up! why should such a protest be necessary? Is there no way to correct
so flagrant an abuse? Surely no one
can possibly justify a difference of
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