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The Bee's Platform 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highway, including the pavement with a Brick Surface of Main Thoroughfare leading into Omaha.

France and the World. A resolution introduced in the house by Representative Reavis of Nebraska ought to have the effect of stabilizing the French situation.

No question should be raised as to the friendship of the United States for France, nor the intense sympathy of the people of this country for those of our sister republic.

Support of a large army at this time, when the other great powers of the world are reducing their military establishments, looks like bad business.

France is a sovereign nation, and as such is free to follow its own inclination. But the people of the United States, believing that huge armaments are as provocative of war today as they were in 1914, can with justice insist that the program which France has mapped out shall be paid for with its money and not with ours.

Discouraging Buyers. The bankruptcy of a company of manufacturers that gained fame and millions from the sale of the \$1 watch has in it some lessons that is not yet too late to study.

In the days when dollar watches could not be turned out by three factories fast enough to supply the demand, the cost of production was 28 cents each.

The people want things at the old prices, or at least cheaper than during the war. In the days of low prices consumption was encouraged, and on the other hand, high prices have discouraged consumption.

Encouraging Home Building. The interest being shown in plans for small houses by Omaha architects is more than warranted.

But in Omaha, where it is still possible for a wage earner to buy a piece of ground, the architectural need is different.

might design a house that would be erected at a saving over a similar house put up without any real planning. One function of the architect is to arrange for harmony in building, but quite as important is that of turning out plans for moderate priced homes.

Bankers Saving the Situation. In all times of commercial and financial distress the banks are the first line of defense, as well as the chief objects of attack by the thoughtless and imprudent.

We can not estimate what might have happened, had the two institutions been permitted to collapse, as evidently they would, had not strong assistance been at hand.

Clearing the decks for action has enabled the banks to wheel again into line, with a stronger front and an improved morale, ready for the future, which will itself be made more secure because of the courage of the financiers.

President and the People. President Harding has restored a custom that was suspended by his predecessor, that of holding a public reception at the White House on New Year's Day.

See where a Chicago woman is suing for divorce because her husband struck her in the face with her pet dog. Well, that is a mean way to treat a dog.

Shift in Leadership, Not Balance. A vacancy in the senate's finance committee, following the death of its chairman, Senator Penrose, has occasioned considerable speculative gossip.

This brings two western senators into prominent and controlling positions in the senate, but does not necessarily indicate a division in the party.

With McCumber at the head of the finance committee of the senate, the general good and welfare of the country as a whole will still be the chief consideration.

It is shocking to read a French general's estimate that 75,000 poilus were killed by their own artillery fire.

The world is growing tired of wars, according to the observation of the French ambassador.

The world always hears of a collection being taken up for some stage beauty's burial, but that is not the only class that sometimes dies out of luck.

That new school of postmasters is a fine thing, but after all, the most difficult thing is getting the appointment.

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

OH SCRIBE. O scribe that turns the rustic poet down, To waste receptacle his lines do send, A flinty heart your bosom must impound, Not one small grain of pity him you lend.

Kind fortunes lap your happy bowser, Sweet solace all your daily grind, Fond relief in each happy hour, No vain regrets have you to leave behind.

Mid printer's ink and manuscripts galore, A potentate of more than earthly sway, Your haughty glance, as kings of yore, Over your demesne throws flashing ray.

The devil brings you all the daily mail, In absent fear before the throne he stands, You ope it; hear therefrom the daily wail; Find moribund the whole polite band.

In regal style you cleave the printed main— No wave too high; no gale upends your boat, Your trenchant pen cleaves every foe in twain; You have them always by the throat.

Deign glance down from your regal seat, Raise amateurs from out the clayed dust; To splendid paths align unsteady feet, Lest perish they, in times all molting rust.

Dear Carl: Please don't misjudge our mission We're not so haughty, if you get us right, To spread a smile, a bit of cheer, Or help another struggling writer see the light.

An amateur who seeks to woo the muse Has chance in print his brain-child soon to see, No waste receptacle give him the blues, If he but send it to THE HUSKING BEE!

For helping other writers is our creed, We never turn a worthy offering down, Nor e'er begrudge a fellow scribe his meed, Of fame, nor tried to keep him renown.

If for naught else, mere selfishness would find Excuse to give a fellow writer space, 'Twould ease the labors of our daily grind, By helping us fill our allotted space.

(Note: A former poem by Mr. Olander— which we appreciated like the sick and aching molar— seems the knockout drops, like the drowning camel grasps at the last straw, yes, e'en like the dying Ford sips the last dynamic shot of gas, or the fat tire sucks in the all-reviving air— was printed in this column under date of November 16.)

PHILO-SOPHY. It is often easier to go around an obstacle than it is to surmount it.

DID YOU EVER NOTICE. That it doesn't take a guy long to say good-night when he has a taxi waiting?

See where a Chicago woman is suing for divorce because her husband struck her in the face with her pet dog. Well, that is a mean way to treat a dog.

Geologist chirps that there is coal enough in the earth to last 50,000 years—which translated means 50,000 years more trouble for the human race.

THE LIBERAL WEST. Dear Philo: A resident of the effete east, I have heard much of the broadmindedness and unconventionality of this middle western metropolis, but I was somewhat startled to observe a huge prize fight sign on the front of the Omaha Auditorium, and the side doors labeled as entrances for the choir and the ministers.

BOY, PAGE MR. ROHRER. Sing a song of hooch-hounds With rubber soled shoes, Four and twenty raizes, Mixed with their booze; When the case was opened The boys were filled with glee, Now wasn't that a pretty sight, For anyone to see? —P. R. B.

There is a shade of difference between shaking hands with a man and shaking your fist at him.

Well, there hasn't been enough snow to cause an epidemic of backache.

SIC TRANSIT GLORIA AGAIN. Although glory may fade and luster grow dim, nothing really outlives its usefulness if it but be turned to the right account.

Over in Fargo, N. D., an abandoned church bears a large sign informing a thirsty populace that it is now a bottling factory for Coca Cola.

And now an observant coworker tells us that he saw recently right here on our Omaha streets a hoary hearse that has passed into senility, doing duty as a conveyor of wet wash.

Having in mind the old fire horse that dragged the milk wagon to the conflagration, we are wondering if the old fire wagon, in a moment of acute mental aberration, might not haul our laundry to the cemetery. That would indeed be a grave matter.

GUS PUTS 'EM IN— CLARENCE GETS 'EM OUT. After the recent hearing before the pardon board, little Tommy Davis, 4-year-old son of Attorney General Clarence A. Davis, was talking to a little boy friend, according to a state contemporary.

"What does your daddy do?" inquired the playmate. "He gets men out of prison," proudly exclaimed Tommy.

"Who puts the men in prison?" the chum wanted to know. "Dus Hyers, he puts 'em in."

No, Fibert, that 10-year holiday proposed by the peace conference doesn't apply to workers.

Friend of ours denies the rumor that his wife has a wooden leg, but admits that she has a cedar chest.

ISN'T IT THE STUFF? A girlie thinks that she can mend The face with which nature endowed her, And so a lot of time she'll spend With lip stick, cosmetics and powder; And to improve her face she'll try Nor take the credit as its maker, When anyone with half an eye, Can see that she's a nature fakir.

How to Keep Well

QUESTIONS CONCERNING HYGIENE sanitation in preventing disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally by Dr. Evans in a column where stamped, addressed envelopes, when closed, Dr. Evans will not make suggestions or prescriptions in individual cases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

VEGETABLES VS. MEATS. For a long time the vegetarians have waged a bitter war on the custom of meat eating.

When it comes to influencing the thoughts of the times, the vegetarians are about as potent as the other members of the tribe of food faddists.

But every now and then some light of truth will come to the top in the sea of error which we know as food faddism.

Here are some recent facts which support the opinions of the vegetarians. Metchnikoff taught that degeneration of the arterial walls and other evidences of senility resulted from the prolonged absorption from the large intestine of products of putrefaction of proteids.

He advised the drinking of a soured milk. This speedily led to a recommendation of particularly strong acid producing bacillus, taken by mouth, on the theory that it would locate permanently in the intestines, and there grow out of the proteid the bacilli which caused putrefaction of proteids.

He gave his bacillus was given as a medicine and somehow we lost sight of the simple diet consisting largely of coarse bread and sour milk which first attracted Metchnikoff's attention.

Kendall and others found that the strong acid bacilli did not belong in the intestines; were not at home there, and would not live there.

He and other scientists found that it was easy enough to change the bacteria in the intestines, but that the way to do it was to change the diet. Taking bacteria out of a spoon set you nowhere unless you at the same time change the food to one that the new bacteria liked, would eat and would thrive on.

On the other hand, the proteids from vegetable and fruits make less harmful putrefaction products. The fermentation products coming from the starchy parts of foods are far less harmful still.

Can Nurse Him. A. M. W. writes: "Will it be all right for me to nurse the 3-month-old baby of my sick relative after having weaned a 1-month-old baby some six weeks ago?"

It is all right to nurse him. It would be a little better for him to have milk from a mother whose baby is about his age, but the advantage would be trifling.

Glasses for Astigmatism. E. V. A. wants to know something about astigmatism.

Astigmatism is a condition rather than a disease. That part of the human eye through which the light passes normally has a shape adapted to its work.

Message for Paralysis. J. B. F. writes: "I am a man 63 years old. I had a stroke two years ago in the left side which paralyzed my arm and leg. I can walk a little with a cane and a little help. I am taking massage treatment. Is there anything you would advise to help me?"

Message is good. Persistent effort to use is better. Retraining of muscles and nerves by use of the maximum. But whatever methods you use avoid serious fatigue.

Brothers Under the Skin. "Marriage is slavery!" shouted the soap-box orator. "Is woman's place in the world equal to man's? N-o-o! The time has come for rebellion against the unfair, worn-out institution of marriage!"

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The law advanced upon the speaker, wordlessly, majestically. "—which makes her, I say, superior to man! Refuse to be a slave! Refuse to marry! Put woman back—"

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The Bee's Letter Box

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For if they were they would know better and reason a little. For instance, if you make an auto trip of 50 miles and your motor car consumes five gallons, the tax being just 5 cents, could this be considered a burden? These small amounts made every day all over the state would soon make an appreciated difference in the taxpayers' obligations.

There is little difference between us any more. Very few farmers in Nebraska own their own farm. In fact over 40 per cent of them are renters and an alarming number of the others have over-due mortgages hanging over them.

On the real estate share of our respective backs. R. K. HUNTER, Secretary Strike Executive Committee, District Council No. 5.

Farmer Favors the Gas Tax. Blair, Neb., Dec. 29.—To read the attitude of the Omaha Auto club towards Governor McKelvie's gasoline tax idea that it was a great burden, I, however, highly oppose their activities, as nearly every farmer will be for it, being it enables a reduction in the high taxes.

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