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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.

Are We Governed Too Much?

A great hullabaloo is heard about the regulations and restrictions laid on the people of Nebraska, and the hardship and expense entailed by the law-enforcing machinery. Let us look into the matter.

In the good old days it was not an uncommon thing to run across a bushel measure that held only a little over three pecks. Many a "pound" package was disposed of the contents of which weighed only thirteen ounces. Pint measures were found that held but three gills, and gallons were correspondingly short. Counter scales had nice packages of lead foil under the pan, and all sorts of subterfuges were worked in this fashion. Spices were found to consist largely of adulterants, such as ground cocoanut shells masquerading as pepper, and even so common and cheap an article of food as table salt was vitiated by a cheaper substance. Sugar contained starch and terra alba, and so it went through all the list.

Farmers were victimized by sharpers who unloaded diseased animals on them, or through fraudulent claims of high breeding. Nebraska was a dumping ground for all sorts of inferior or deleterious stuff, and the people suffered and rebelled. Housewives clamored for protection against unscrupulous and dishonest dealers, farmers rose up against the frauds practiced on them, and rules and regulations were made to control the dealings between man and man, the law compelling honesty as far as possible. Unfortunately, no law is self-enforcing. Nebraskans deliberately voted in favor of prohibition, and then as deliberately set about to nullify the law they had created. Boards and inspectors are not only necessary, but are kept constantly employed in trying to protect the people.

If it is desirable to go back to the dear old times, when every form of cheating was practiced and the swindlers prospered, all that is needed is the enactment of an omnibus measure to repeal all the laws that are designed to protect the public against fraud, malpractice and deceit, and restore the harsh rule of "caveat emptor"—let the buyer beware. Short of that, there must be machinery to enforce the law. If we are governed too much, it is our own fault.

Politics in the Farm Conference.

While Governor Parker of Louisiana is praising President Harding and Secretary Wallace for abstaining from politics in selecting delegates to the farm conference now in progress at Washington, Delegate Wannamaker of South Carolina is doing his utmost to give the gathering a partisan bias. This astute and perspicacious individual, who hails from a section of the country where politics as such do not exist, sees in the conference a clever scheme for breaking down the influence of the farm bloc in congress. His disclosure is timely, and now that he has warned not only his codelegates and the members of congress concerned, but the country and world as well, we may expect to see the nefarious machinations of Warren G. Harding brought to naught. It is pitiful, though, to see men, picked as representative of their communities and as having at heart the true interest of the entire country, commit themselves to such pettiness. The connection between the farm bloc and the farmer conference is too far-fetched. Nothing the president has said or done; either when a senator or since he has been president, warrants ascribing to him any ulterior motive in his effort to restore prosperity to the farm. He is as patriotic and devoted to the country he serves as anyone else in the country, and he knows that no class can permanently prosper at the expense of another. It is share and share alike, and when depression hits the farmer, it hits everybody. However, it is not unsafe to assume that Mr. Wannamaker is a democrat, and as such tinctured with that peculiar quality that leads to suspicion of anything a republican president may or may not do.

Make the Streets Safe.

"I propose to make the streets of Omaha safe for women," said a judge of the district court, sentencing a culprit to prison. The prisoner had been found guilty of beating a woman on the streets, and the judge gave him sixty days to think it over, the last five on bread and water. Such administration of justice may build up in the minds of degenerates a wholesome dread of getting caught, and so be efficacious in establishing safety on the streets for women. But the streets should be as secure for men, and a little more of the same sort of treatment may have the effect of removing some of the danger that now exists. The menace of the footpad, the robber who does not hesitate to shoot or club his victim, is recognized, and is too common a part of our city life these days. Omaha is not peculiar in this regard, for every city in the land suffers from the epidemic of crimes of violence against person and property. Whatever the cause, the remedy lies in stern and unrelenting punishment of the offenders when they are apprehended. The police are not powerless, nor inefficient, but they are not encouraged when they see the fruits of their diligence dissipated by mistaken leniency. Mercy should ever season justice, but the true precept teaches to be just before being generous.

When Power Passes.

The esteemed Boston Transcript, and the equally revered New York Times, were deeply pained when the senate passed the bill amending the Federal Reserve act. Each of these great newspapers is pained to note the monster of sectionalism and class government, rearing its horrid head, once more rampant in America. The Transcript particularly notes that, according to the vote, New England and New York are cut from the rest of the country, and are become "outsiders."

All this because an imposing majority of the senators of the United States voted that it would not be improper for the president to appoint a "dirt" farmer to the board, and prepared the way for such appointment by adding one more to the number composing the board. The Transcript is comforted by the thought that such a farmer may be as conservative as any banker on the board, but is apprehensive because of the class or sectional control implied by the action.

What really ails both the editors referred to is that the great empire on this side of the Alleghanies has attained mature stature and is able to do something for itself besides pay tribute to industrial New England and New York. So long as the handle of the spoon was controlled around Boston, while folks out west took any medicine it might contain, the situation was all right from New England's point of view. But the scene has changed, power has passed over the range, and instead of resting along the coast line from Bangor to Sandy Hook, it is now fairly well settled over the Mississippi valley.

This power will not be used to the detriment of any section of the country, but if there is any advantage in possessing it, the middle west proposes to share in that advantage. This is both a producing and a consuming region; we sell to New England, and we buy from them, and we expect to deal with them as equals, citizens of one country, and not as poor relations or inhabitants of another quarter of the earth. And, as The Bee already has stated, there is no good reason why the finances of the country should be the exclusive care of the bankers.

What Really Ails India.

Lord Northcliffe has touched exactly on the cause of the unrest in India. Laying aside as negligible the so-called Hindu aspirations for self-determination, he moves at once to the Mohammedan element. This he finds to be for the first time in history allied with the Hindu, and for the reason that it is opposed to Christian presence in Asia Minor. Back of it all lies a movement that has for its purpose the restoration of the Turk in control of all he forfeited during the war.

Resting the agitation on the necessity of Mussulman control of the three holy cities, Mecca, Medina and Bagdad, the clever politicians of the caliphate at once extend that to include the revival of the broken down Turkish empire, with political as well as religious domination over Palestine, Syria, Smyrna and Armenia. Agitators who are going about in America, making a great effort to enlist casual sympathy for the Indian uprising are at great pains to conceal the ulterior motive that is underneath the effort. Restore the Turk to the position he held prior to 1914, and we will quickly see the dissolution of the partnership he now holds with the Hindu. Remove British influence from India, and we will soon note the disappearance of all Christianity has been able to do in that land for the amelioration of the condition under which the masses live.

To revive the control of the Turk in Asia Minor, and to again give over the millions of India to the mercies of native rulers and priests may seem attractive to the unthinking, who translate self-determination into terms that are intolerable to advancing civilization, but such a step will certainly add to the confusion in which the world welters.

Pope's Simple Life.

Details of the daily life of Pope Benedict XV, published after his death, add his name to that long list of successful men who have achieved great things while pursuing a personal regime best described by a single word—simplicity. The daily routine of Pope Benedict was almost rigorous in its simplicity. His diet was light, his recreation was confined mostly to walks in the gardens of the Vatican, his relaxations were conversations with his fellow clergy and certain laymen, and with it all he had the strength for a vast amount of work.

It is a story grown almost common because of its frequent reiteration in the review of the lives of notable men. Men great in scholarship, in industry and even in politics have found success not by spectacular means for the most part and certainly not by excesses of pleasure. A simple life has been the solid foundation for steady achievement.

The World-Herald has made a remarkable discovery. Governor McKelvie does not plan to save money—he is only going to refrain from spending more than is needed for an economical administration of state affairs.

Florida and Georgia kukluckers continue to uphold the traditions of white supremacy by mobbing negroes who engage in anything but menial labor. Such is civilization's influence!

That young Massachusetts socialist who could resist a million dollars showed himself to be human by falling for a vamp.

Legislators may approach the task they are called to in a spirit of levity, but the people are looking for relief.

Telling the farmers they are in a hole is no service. What they want to know is how to get out.

Old King Ak-Sar-Ben is after recruits again, and is not having a bit of trouble finding them.

Looks like Governor McKelvie also had some blocs to deal with.

Columbus is where the Albert law came from.

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

HUNK O' TIN.

When it's 90 in the shade
Almost any car that's made
Will pop away at once, so I am told;
But when it's down to zero
Then life's not quite so cheero
When you try to start a lizzie when it's cold.

Now I own a rusty Ford,
And I thank the blessed Lord
That there's only eight more payments till she's mine;
She hits on all her four,
Eats up hills and begs for more,
When the temperature is up near 89.

Oh, it's purr, purr, purr,
With the engine turning over with a whir,
When the day is good and hot,
Then she starts off like a shot,
And she sings along quite smartly, thank you, sir.

I drove to work one day,
In the street I let her lay,
It was cold as Billy H——, and that's a fact.
I didn't think she'd freeze,
But the doggone chilly breeze
Must have blown some twenty icebergs up her back.

I wore the starter down,
Then I climbed out on the ground,
And I spun her till she nearly fell apart;
Then I cursed her and I flayed her,
And the living boob that made her,
Still I couldn't get the blasted thing to start.

It was crank, crank, crank,
With the icicles a-freezing on her tank,
And if Gunga Din of old
Can start her when she's cold
He's a better man than I am with the crank.
—J. M. O'Neil.

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PHILO-SOPHY.

An ounce of hustle beats a pound of wish.

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When a motorist gets hit by a freight train he realizes how it feels to be a pedestrian and get struck by an automobile.

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There is a bill in the senate to fix the price of wheat. While congress is about it, they might carry this a little further and guarantee a price on golf balls. They say the high cost is entailing a positive hardship on the leisure classes.

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TODAY'S IDLE THOUGHT.

No matter how mean a woman treats her husband while he is alive, she always plans on giving him a SWELL FUNERAL!

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H. H. REMEDIES.

Dear Philo: I have found your articles so helpful and your philosophy so sound that I am coming to you for help in my trouble. We have an alarm clock with a sleep meter attachment which snores at night. How can I remedy this?

I will be up early looking for your answer.
Yours, —Nell.

Dear Nell: Always glad to assist. We admit our philosophy is mostly SOUND.

In regard to your alarm clock, if it is in the habit of sleeping on its back try turning it over. If this doesn't help, insert a bale of hay between the ticks. This will tend to deaden the noise.

Don't get up too early or you may be looking for it before we get it ready.

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A WISH.

A girl won't sing the old, old stuff,
The gay songs nor the blue ones,
And we wish she'd be kind enough
To lay off of the new ones.

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"Actions speak louder than words."
"They have to, to make 'emselves heard."

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Tim says: Diplomacy is the art of telling a lie in such a way that you like to think the other fellow believes it, although you know he doesn't.

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PREFERRED THE CASH.

The knot was tied, the pair was wed,
And then the smiling bridegroom said
Unto the preacher, "Shall I pay
To you the usual fee today,
Or would you have me wait a year
And give you then a hundred clear,
If I should find the married state
As happy as I estimate?"
The preacher lost no time in thought,
To his reply no study brought,
There were no wrinkles on his brow;
Said he, "I'll take $3 now."
—Anonymous.

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Professional ball players are getting to cost so much that the clubs have to buy 'em on the installment plan.

As the time draws near when teams will flit for the southern training tables, anxious club managers are scanning the want ads for such notices as this:

For Sale—High grade shortstop, in first class condition. Used only four seasons. Small eater. Terms.

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News item says a woman who slept 88 days was awakened by a phonograph.

Eighty-eight days is some nap, we admit, but being awakened by a phonograph is nothing new.

A BOUQUET.

(From one of the thousand bricks.)

Oh, merry hum of the Husking Bee,
Yours is the tune that pleases me—
Wisdom wise, with a laugh thrown in,
That's the stuff that is sure to win.

When we have finished the daily news,
Of dozens stung or killed by blues,
Like a wiper our glasses you clear,
Changing our vision from things so drear.

A "BEE" that's busy, swarming with joy,
Whose sting is never allowed to annoy,
Long may you buzz within our hive
For happy are we when you arrive.
—J. C. B., Gothenburg, Neb.

There, P. R. B., is one from your old home town, sent in direct response to your invitation. Thanx, J. C. B. That's "saying it with flowers."

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AFTER-THOUGHT: When you say it with a smile you say a mouthful. PHILO.

Creating Wealth by Spending.

After the civil war this country entered upon a period of tremendous expansion of railroads and industries, and in doing this increased its wealth so rapidly as to be able to pay off its debt far in advance of what would have been possible under any niggardly system of withholding money from wise expenditures of that kind. We can today better afford to create wealth by large construction undertakings than we can afford to skin down to the narrowest possible point in order to save. There is a withholding that leads to poverty; there is a wise expenditure that leads to prosperity. The building of the Nicaraguan canal, the development of Muscle Shoals, making the Tennessee river available for transportation, the improvement of the St. Lawrence as proposed, giving the west a direct water route to the ocean—would all, we believe, come under the head of wise expenditures, viewed from every possible angle.—Manufacturers' Record.

How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

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 make a diagnosis nor prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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SMOKING CAR GOSSIP.

Here is some advice to drummers. The rest of the world may disregard it if they wish.

I am stimulated to write it because of a letter from a retired drummer, who quit about 10 years ago because he developed diabetes.

Since a diabetic must watch his bill of fare very closely, and since a drummer must eat what he can get, obviously traveling is no work for a diabetic.

But food is not the only factor in a traveling man's life, which is on a catch-as-catch-can basis.

There's bugs and beds, not to mention a few others, such as smallpox and milk.

But this story is about water.

Did any Drummer's Probative association or any wholesalers' association or any large wholesale concern ever consider the advisability of getting out a drummers' handbook, or a series of regional drummers' handbooks? If such a book is now put out or any one contemplates putting one out, I want to suggest that it contain a few pages entitled, "How to Be a Live Drummer"; or maybe, "How to Avoid Going Home in the Baggage Car."

On one page of that book there might be a statement as to the safety of the water supplies in the different towns arranged by the states. Such a list would be easy to get by writing the state health departments.

For instance, in August, 1921, the Illinois department published a statement as to the public supplies in that state.

This statement tells us that of 459 municipal water supplies 77.5 per cent were good, 14.6 per cent were doubtful, and 7.9 per cent bad.

The 36 municipalities selling their people bad water were Avon, Fulton county; Carlisle, Clinton county; Carni, White county; Charleston, Coles county; Chester, Randolph county; Christopher, Franklin county; Coroden, Shelby county; Vallas City, Hancock county; Fairfield, Wayne county; Freeburg, St. Clair county; Grayville, Edwards county; Greenup, Cumberland county; Hillsboro, Montgomery county; Johnson City, Williamson county; Kinkaid, Christian county; Litchfield, Montgomery county; London Mills, Fulton county; Louisville, Clay county; Mattoon Municipal supply, Coles county; Mount Sterling, Brown county; New Athens, St. Clair county; Newton, Jasper county; North Chicago, Lake county; Olney, Richland county; Paris, Edgar county; Mount Olive, Macoupin county; Pinckneyville, Perry county; St. Elmo, Fayette county; Toledo, Cumberland county; Vandalia, Fayette county; Waterloo, Monroe county; Stanton, Macoupin county; West Frankfort, Franklin county; Whitehall, Greene county, and Ziegler, in Frankfurt.

Published reports, such as the one quoted, are seldom up to the minute, at least, at the time they come to be used. Therefore, it is wise in writing to a state health department for such a report to ask them to note any changes in the character of the water supplies made subsequent to the date of the inspections on which the report is based.

It might also be well to ask both the state and the United States public health service for a report on the typhoid rates of the various places.

If a drummer must stop at some hotels where there is a private water supply, he will lessen the hazard if he will drink no water except that which has been heated. The statements of proprietors as to the quality of the water from wells on the premises is notoriously undependable.

The water supplies on trains and boats is now quite safe.

"Housewife's Disease."

H. B. writes: "I have had cracked hands for over two months, such deep, painful cracks in my fingers especially. Have tried different kinds of creams for it, but have found no relief, so am coming to you for help. My fingers become stiff at times and it hurts to bend them."

REPLY.

To keep the skin of your hands well greased will help considerably. It does not matter a whole lot what grease you use.

If you can do so, keep your hands warm and dry. The principal cause of your trouble is some feature of occupation. For example, washing dishes, scrubbing, etc. If you must put your hands in water, could you wear rubber gloves?

Page Ponce De Leon!

M. J. U. writes: "Do you consider cold shower baths healthful?

"Am 49 years and 2 months old, and for the past six years have taken a daily cold shower (in the winter in an unheated bathroom). Before that just took daily cold sponges.

"The cause of my soliciting your beneficial advice is an argument brought forth the other day that, while cold showers at no time are really invigorating and rather taxing one's vitality, they are surely detrimental to a man of my age.

"I will not deny that while in former years I took to them like a duck, it now takes a sort of an effort—at times, at least. In appearance I am never taken for more than 38, which fact I have always ascribed to the cold water baths."

REPLY.

If you can fool people 11 years' worth I think you had better keep them up.

I know people who would try to swim across the Atlantic in January if they thought doing so would make them look 11 years younger.

Cold showers are very invigorating, health-producing, and cold preventing, provided one gets a good glow after his shower.

If the shower leaves one cold, blue, and shivery, it does harm.

Personal Liability for Fire

(From Safeguarding America Against Fire.)

In a number of American cities there are now statutes providing for personal liability for fire, and the movement is one that appears to be slowly but surely gathering headway. State Fire Marshal John G. Gamber of Illinois voiced an opinion upon this subject in addressing a convention of firemen which is well worth reprinting. He said:

"As for a personal liability statute, I believe it will be of more importance in reducing fires than any single piece of legislation. It is time we quit pitying people who have fires because of their own carelessness. The only way to make people feel personally responsible as to fires is to hold them liable by law. A man who has a preventable fire robs his neighbors, either through the medium of insurance, or an unjustified use of the public fire department which all must support. The safety of the whole city may be jeopardized at a critical moment, while the fire department is on a run to a fire which never should have occurred. Firemen may be injured and equipment damaged on such a run. Fire departments are not maintained to protect a man from the result of his negligence, and when he calls upon the city in any such case, he should be made to pay for the service.

"Under a personal liability statute this can be brought about. Such a statute would assess upon individuals, firms or corporations the cost of extinguishing or attempting to extinguish all fires occurring on the premises of such parties, whenever such fires are the result of failure to comply with any law, ordinance, lawful regulation or requirement of any state or municipal authority enacted or made for the prevention of fire. It would also hold such parties liable for any damage in person or property resulting in extinguishing or attempting to extinguish such fires. Cities could adopt ordinances along the lines of the statute. Both an amended fire marshal act and a personal liability statute concern you very much, and I want your wholehearted support in working for their passage. I know you must feel especially strong for a personal liability law, because it is you who risk your lives on runs to needless fires. In order to have your full backing, I am going to request that this association include in the resolutions of this convention one which will strongly endorse the personal liability law."

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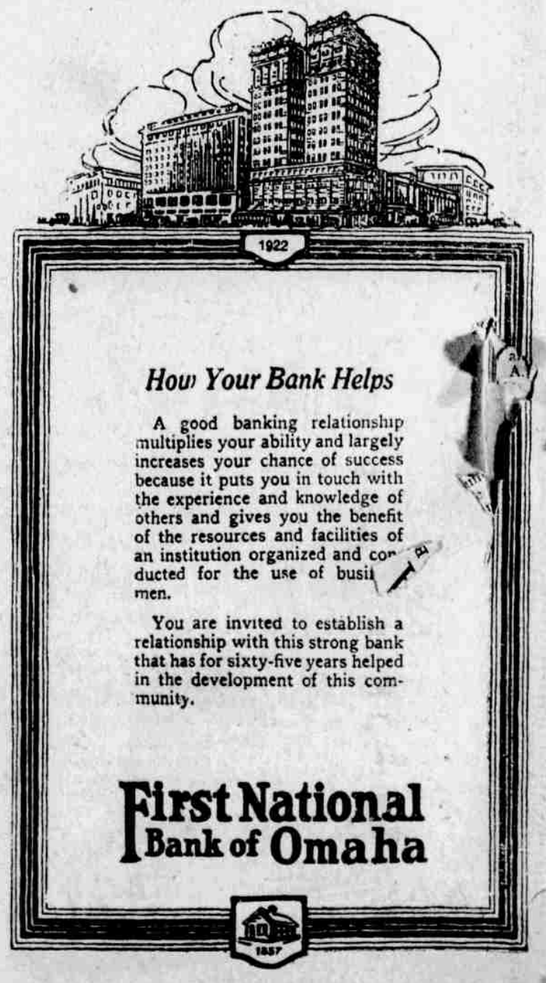
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