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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 Black Surface of Mains 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.

Now Let the House Concur.

With commendable promptness the senate restored to the tax reduction bill the item appropriating \$750,000 for road improvement work, which had been omitted by the house in anticipation of favorable action on the gasoline tax measure.

Last week The Bee published opinions of editors, representing all sections of the state, and of different political views, yet unanimous for good roads. This unquestionably represents the sentiment of the people of the state.

Every argument that was made for the project in the beginning is still potent. The first cost of transportation, and the heaviest, is that of getting the produce of the farm to the primary market.

Not a Democratic Victory.

Nebraska's legislature consists of 129 republicans and four democrats. It is, almost unanimously, a republican legislature; the democratic minority is negligible in both numbers and influence.

This basic fact is worth remembering when one appraises the work of the legislature and analyzes the carping of its critics. There is no ground for any claim by any democratic official or spokesman that the democrats have any hand in the decisions of the legislature or deserve any credit therefor.

Democratic hurrahs over the defeat of the governor's gasoline tax bill are beside the point. Democrats did not defeat it. Republicans defeated it.

Reduction of City Taxes.

A most natural impulse is leading the real estate owners and dealers in Omaha to look over not only tax collections but expenditures of public funds. One thing should be understood at the outset, and that is that in a growing community, such as Omaha, the total tax collection is not likely to be diminished, but increased with each passing year.

What can be done, however, is to secure a more economical and efficient expenditure of the money raised, and this is only possible through better organization and administration of the local government.

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It does mean that they will employ an agent, holding him responsible for the handling of the business of the city, and clothing him with such power and authority as is needed to properly discharge his function.

Good Work Well Forwarded.

Approval of the limitation of arms conference of the treaty setting limits to the naval forces of the great powers, and dealing with the use of submarines, and aircraft and outlawing gas and chemical warfare marks a great step forward for humanity.

Election of a Pope.

According to schedule, one of the most interesting of all Christian ceremonies will commence in Rome today. It is the election of the man who will be recognized as head of the great organization known as the Roman Catholic church.

Many names have been mentioned, and perhaps among them that of the successor to the throne of St. Peter. One thing is certain, whoever may be designated by the votes of the cardinals assembled, he will be well versed in world affairs.

Inquiry Into Road Costs.

The smirch of scandal is about to be removed from Nebraska's road building program. That much is made certain by the action of the state administration in arranging an investigation of the public works department by the very men who have been its outstanding critics.

Striking railroad men in Germany are threatened with fines of 50,000 marks. This sounds formidable till one recalls the value of a mark in real money.

Democrats in congress feel in duty bound to oppose everything the administration asks for. This may be good politics, but it is more like bad judgment.

It seems tough on tourists who went to California to be snowbound. They should have stopped in Omaha and enjoyed the open roads.

Another waitress has just received a huge reward for refusing to take tips, but she will probably remain the exception that proves the rule.

The Polish chamber of deputies had a stormy scene, during which names were called. Must have sounded like a roll call.

Uncle Sam is ready to take care of all customers who wish to pay income tax. Form on the right and do not crowd!

Mr. McAdoo says the government administration of the railroads was all right. Remember who was dictator?

Trotsky says the Genoa conference is a trap. As it has to do with economics, he is not in danger.

We hope Superintendent Dunn's clean-up will be followed by a diminution in the hold-up record.

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Political Alarums

Drum Beats and Sillies That Mean Very Little.

(From the New York Times) That shrewd politician, Benjamin Disraeli, once remarked on the readiness of public men to predict great coming changes. The readiness, in his opinion, often verged on credulity.

The whole thing has the air of a political survival. Some people reason that it is only natural to expect that what happened to President Taft toward the end of his term will happen to President Harding at the beginning of his.

In reality, what we are witnessing in congress and in some of the states is not a true political revolution. It is thus far little more than a flurry of agitation.

So long as these characteristics are clearly shown by those who fly the flag of revolt, the regular armies have little to fear. It is only a question of time when the guerrilla and the new shooting of so much ammunition out in the underbrush will desire to come back into camp and order.

Tom Watson's Show

It is good news that the senate committee which investigated the charges against Senator Watson of Georgia against the army will wind up its work. It has been the sorriest spectacle ever presented, though senate committees have held silly or condemnable investigations before now.

Watson has marshaled all his neurotics in the army to testify about their delusions, and the press has been obliged to report imaginings which injure the reputations of honest men.

The result has been to clear the army in the mind of any fair reader. The hangings were legal and after due trial. The occasional brutalities were the unfortunate incidents which happen in every army of millions of men in arms.

Is Tumulty Grooming Hoover? The rumor that America's newest, most pretentious author, Mr. Joseph Tumulty, was to return to political activity as the manager of Mr. Herbert Hoover's presidential aspirations, would indicate that it is not alone in finance and art that the world is topsy-turvy.

Mr. Hoover, of course, must be aware of such a program and must realize that a campaign for the presidency conducted under these auspices will hardly strengthen him with those who have republican leanings.—Forum.

Ireland has the problem on its hands of finding something for an ex-president to do.—Portland Press-Herald.

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 by subject to proper limitation, where a diagnosis is desired, and where a diagnosis or address for individual cases is desired. Letters in care of The Bee.

DEATHS FROM CHILD BIRTH.

If anyone will take the trouble to look at the matter up in the reports of the census officer, he will find that getting born is a very dangerous business—dangerous to child and mother alike.

The death rate among mothers is rather high, especially in America. Dr. W. T. Howard gives the rates for women at different age periods for 10,000 births as follows:

Table with columns: Age, Deaths, Age, Deaths. Rows: 15-19 (80/120), 20-24 (100/120), 25-29 (120/120), 30-34 (150/120), 35-39 (180/120), 40-44 (200/120), 45-49 (220/120), 50-54 (240/120), 55-59 (260/120), 60-64 (280/120), 65-69 (300/120), 70-74 (320/120), 75-79 (340/120), 80-84 (360/120), 85-89 (380/120), 90-94 (400/120), 95-99 (420/120).

Dr. Howard's studies prove that our women have twice as high a death rate in labor as do the women of England and Wales.

The principal disease cause for our excessive hazards, as compared with England and Wales, are at bunnaria, or Bright's disease; puerperal convulsions, and septicemia.

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Murder Record of Cities

(From the Christian Century.)

Frederick L. Hoffman, the leading authority in this country on the subject of murder, reports that in numbers of murders to the hundred thousand of population, Maine is the most law-abiding state in the union.

Chicago has the worst record of any metropolitan city in the world, but the inhabitants of that city may take comfort in the fact that after all there are many small cities in the United States where the chances of being murdered are greater than in Chicago.

Chicago's population which has given this city a reputation for prevalence of homicide in the United States, is 3,400,000. The rate in New York is 1.8, in Buffalo, 4.1; Newark, 3.4; Milwaukee, 3; Rochester, 1.3. The last named is the safest city in the United States to live in.

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Congress the Real Doctor. A recent vote in 33 states shows 5,377 doctors saying whiskey is necessary as a medicine and 4,441 saying no. In this matter, however, congress is the doctor.—Washington Post.

War Still Rages Here. The superstitious Tennessee is manned entirely by natives of the state after which the ship is named.

St. Louis Makes New Claim. St. Louis is now one of the great insurance centers, not only of the west, but of the country.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Only the Word Frightens. E. M. C. writes: "I would ask you if you know what xanthoma is and what is it a symptom of?"

Low Heels Are Best. Mrs. A. C. C. writes: "Would you advise a shoe with or without a heel for a 2-year-old child?"

The Green Were Over. Noticing a flock of wild geese flying north an eastern ferryboat captain joyfully shouted: "Winter's over!"

Way to Get Interest. We cannot get our interest out of Europe unless we show some interest in Europe.—Daily Financial America.

Way of Life. To swing along and sing along and keep the vision clear. How many in the moving throng can come so very near.

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