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BEE TELEPHONES
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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 British Surface of Macadam Thoroughfare leading into Omaha.

Hypochondriac, but Hopeful.
When a democrat makes up his mind to be unhappy, he can be the most doleful thing imaginable. If you do not believe this, look over the lugubrious editorials and cartoons of our contemporary, which is trying to smooth the way for its owner's return to the senate by singing the blues.

Who created that national debt? Under whose administration, in time of profound peace, did the government begin to fall a round million dollars a day behind its income? Who in two years changed a republican surplus of \$350,000,000 into a democratic deficit of like amount?

And, when the legislature of Nebraska, called together by the governor for the purpose, cuts the tax bill of the state more than two millions of dollars, who is it that slashes his head and dolerously complains that there still remains some tax to pay?

Between Ulster and Ireland.
Sir James Craig does not cut a very dignified figure as he scurries away to London, looking for support in his dispute with "Mick" Collins over the boundaries between north and south Ireland.

Each succeeding day we read of the capture of "the biggest still yet taken." Why not have a conference to limit the size of moonshine machinery?

Wiltbur Glenn Voliva is pursuing Copernicus almost as successfully as Mr. Bryan did Darwin. The world is not without its humorous side.

Rearranging the Army.
General Pershing's recommendation to congress that the number of commissioned officers in the army be cut from 17,000 to 12,000 has more than its saving of money to support it.

secured if the efficiency of the army was to be maintained. Young men who had made good in the service were asked to return to uniform, and many of these did so, not a few of them giving up positions in which they had established themselves, and where the future looked secure to them.

That has left the question in the position in which General Pershing finds it, and to remedy which he now makes his proposal, to permit to retire at least 5,000 officers of various ranks. Congress has the matter before it in concrete form now, and on its action will hang the future of many men who have looked forward to a military career on invitation of the government.

Dawes Has Made Good.
Having turned an inevitable deficit into the welcome prospect of an all but assured surplus, Charles G. Dawes, director of the budget, is now before the country in the admirable position of one who has made good in a difficult position. Theoretically, the budget system would work like a charm; what it would do in a practical application of its principles none could say in advance.

General Dawes found it much to his liking, however. The "hell and Maria" spirit edged here with such neatness that the general waded into the budget job with zest and determination. He made no bones about what he thought was needed, but told the cabinet officers, bureau heads, chief clerks and the rest just what they might expect. So far he has not brought about every improvement he hoped to install, but he has located a lot of the holes and plugged so many of them that the president says the secretary of the treasury will write the balance in black instead of red ink at the end of the fiscal year.

Uncle Sam may not have "Charley" Dawes on his pay roll permanently, although he is needed, but for the sake of the country's pocketbook it is devoutly to be wished that the methods installed by the director of the budget take root and grow as strongly as did the wasteful practices he has broken down.

Balfour on the Conference.
When the Washington conference concluded its work on Saturday and adjourned without day, it completed a remarkable record of achievement. Its scope and purpose definitely outlined in the agenda, confronted with questions fraught with admitted danger, and requiring extreme delicacy in approach, the assemblage has produced a signal triumph for American diplomacy, the shirt-sleeve variety, that believes in straightforward bargaining when the future welfare of the world is at stake.

Exactly 12 weeks ago the president of the United States, in an eloquent speech in which he inaugurated our meeting, asked us to approach our labors with full consciousness that we were working for the welfare of mankind. Looking back over that 12 weeks, I think we may say without undue self-esteem that the advice so nobly tendered has been taken and we have had a consciousness that we were working in the service of mankind.

Adding that the "great moral questions have been met," Mr. Balfour stated that any nation which did not recognize the work of the conference, particularly as regards China, will be considered outside the comity of nations. In plain words, the treaties adopted and the understandings recorded thereunder, are for the guidance of all the world, as well as for the signatory powers.

The Washington conference has achieved all that was promised for it, even to producing results of greater merit and more expansive influence than those coming from Paris. President Harding's service to world-peace will loom bigger as the result of his idea is better understood.

Kansas' railroad commissioner is before the I. C. R., asking that passenger fares be reduced to restore railway travel. One thing the high rates did was to give a lot of Americans a chance to get acquainted with home surroundings.

America's Oil Resources
Little Reason to Worry at Present Over Future Supply.

Although it is estimated that at the present rate of production the oil fields of the United States would be exhausted in about 20 years, these figures do not indicate that the country's petroleum resources will come to an end within that period, according to the National Bank of Commerce in New York.

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN.
Of those who have recovered from consumption to the extent there has been said to have been "arrested" and to have remained so for several weeks or months, and who, feeling it somewhat safe to do so, have left sanatoriums to other patients to be treated, and may eventually die from consumption. This fact might as well be frankly faced.

There is a general agreement now that a consumptive who has been through a sanatorium is in much the position of a boy who has been through college and faces the world the day after commencement. What he has learned may not help him unless he is willing to apply it, and has the determination to stick to his willingsness.

It is significant of the peculiar conditions prevailing in the production of petroleum that despite the existing depression accompanied by a fall in petroleum prices the output in the first 11 months of 1921 showed an increase of 6 per cent over a like period in 1920. The gain was shared by all but the Illinois field, whose production has regularly been falling off in recent years.

Hard labor kills the tuberculosis patient. Work, to be of benefit, must not be too heavy physically. Indoor occupations are generally to be preferred, because they are less likely to be periodically interrupted on the average.

Agreement on Shantung
Agreement on terms for the restoration of Shantung to China is a triumph for straightforwardness as against circuitousness in diplomacy. It is a triumph also for patience and determined endeavor beyond the point where abandonment of the enterprise might have seemed to be justified.

With the Shantung controversy out of the way, and with agreement reached as to maintenance of the status quo in Pacific fortifications, a near and successful conclusion of the arms and far better reference is in sight. It is true that ratification of the agreement by the United States senate remains to be achieved, but that may not be as difficult as it seems.

Protection means home production and home production means more employment for Americans. You cannot buy foreign goods without giving employment to the foreign workmen. We have just enacted a restrictive immigration law to keep out the cheap labor of Europe and Asia. Now we need a restrictive importation law to keep out the product of the cheap labor.

Now for the Bug Barleycorn.
Having banished the bug sycora, that gave New York its drinking water its cucumber taste, the city authorities stand unconcerned to the vigorous efforts to limit the consumption of really harmful fluids.—Springfield Republican.

Where Politics is a Profession.
The fact that they have started campaigning for the November election in Ohio and Indiana accounts for the prominence of both states in national politics. They work at it all the while.—Detroit Free Press.

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

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to the editor of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to proper limitation, where it is possible to address questions in general. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual cases, or discuss matters in care of other physicians.

Teaching the Letter Box.
Omaha, Feb. 3.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am a teacher and I would be joyful to listen to democratic authority tell why all the present pains and aches. They deny our increased effort as measured in bushels and pounds of agricultural production and show falling off in foreign trade as measured in dollars only.

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The Pyramids—and Bernhard.

(From the Boston Transcript.)
Fifty years ago Dr. Holmes wrote, "Age spares the pyramids, and Dejazet." Age no longer spares Dejazet. Not only is she dead, but a generation has arisen that never heard of her. The Holmsonian phrase is meaningless to this generation.

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