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This is a chilly assurance of a fine winter wheat crop.

Phone your order to a grocer and have it sent by parcels post.

With all this parcels post crash, it must be remembered how the poor express companies are faring.

Every citizen is either for his town or he is against it. If he is for it he should not be backward in demonstrating the fact, and if he is against it he should move out and make room for a more public-spirited citizen. No town has any use for a drone or a grouch.

Right away after the holidays, when every possible cent has been spent, along comes Plattsmouth merchants with bargains that are simply irresistible.

Did you ever know that the department of agriculture of the state university doesn't realize that there is such a thing as poultry, hasn't a feather on the place and is practically boycotting the Nebraska hen? Well, it's a fact.

It itly becomes a business man to "blow his head off" talking about the Commercial club and its work when he is not even a member, and if he is, does not attend the meetings. Go and see what they are doing before you kick. If you are not a member go and join and be a live member and stop whining.

President Wilson will call the special session of congress a month earlier than intended—March 15—instead of April 15. This hardly gives a member time enough to return home and turn around and get back. If we were an old bachelor like Congressman Maguire we wouldn't come home at all for that short space of time.

The weather editor of the Lincoln Journal comes to the front with the discovery that the dry December of 1889 was followed by a drouth year in 1890, while the dry December of 1895 was followed by a splendid corn crop in 1896. He believes theories are easily manufactured. That's about the upshot of the whole business. Theories are no good only when they are made for the purpose.

A poor wretch has surrendered himself at Springfield, Illinois, and confessed to having taken \$25 from the safe of a great corporation some years ago. His conscience troubled him. This increases the wonder of why it is that conscience afflicts only poor offenders. The corporation from which this money was taken has several times been indicted for extortion and none of its officers has ever confessed anything which was proved.

Let us all remember that every time we knock on things that are transpiring in our city with the best intentions for the good of the town, we are only casting reflections upon the loyalty and patriotism of the very ones who deserve your commendation, instead of your reflections. Let our slogan be, "Stand up for Plattsmouth!" It would be better than standing around with a grouch on all the time, simply because we can't be the "whole cheese," and run matters to suit ourselves. We can't do it, unless the majority stands with us.

The days are beginning to draw out again.

The weather recently has been cutting ice, whether anybody else has or not.

There are plenty of early signs that the legislature hopper will handle a bumper crop of bills.

Fame is an elevation on which a man is placed so he'll be a better mark for the populace to throw rocks at.

If the millionaires, too, are going to organize a trust, what's the matter with telling them to just take it all and let it go, at that.

Don't grumble and growl, but jump right into the band-wagon and assist in playing to the music of "See Plattsmouth Succeed."

The express companies seem to be doing their usual amount of business. Too early, however, to tell what effect the parcels post will have upon the express business.

Before another issue of the Journal Hon. John H. Morehead will have been inaugurated as governor of Nebraska. We have all the confidence in the world in Governor Morehead, and know he will make good. Here's to you, Governor. Shake!

We're coming, Father Woodrow, a hundred thousand strong, they have kept us out of office sixteen years too long; we're hungry and we're thirsty, but manna you'll supply; from messenger to cabinet the heads will surely fly; we've waited and we've waited to hear the big horn blow, and now we'll feast on plenty while others eat the crow; and now, from Maine to Texas, you'll hear our battle cry—we're coming, Father Woodrow, we're coming for our pie.

A Commercial club is an organization of business men banded together for the betterment of Plattsmouth. It has already done wonders in its work for the building up of our city. No business man is barred from its ranks, nor is any other citizen who feels an interest in the prosperity of the town. Don't go around and give the Commercial club the dickens, but throw by the wayside your prejudices or ill-feeling and attend the meetings of the club regularly. Every member has a voice in the deliberations, and if the club is not running to suit you, go and raise your voice and try and have it run to suit. A majority rules and you are certainly in favor of the majority rule.

The navy year book shows that including ships built, building and authorized, the United States continues to rank third among the great maritime nations. Great Britain takes first rank, having 66 battleships and 45 armored cruisers, with a total tonnage of 1,818,850. Germany ranks second. Her number of battleships is 37 and her armored cruisers 15. The combined tonnage is 827,725. The United States has 38 battleships and 11 armored cruisers with a combined tonnage of 787,594. France, Japan, Russia, Italy and Austria-Hungary come next in rank. It is generally believed, however, that in quality, and the courage of the men behind the guns, those of the United States navy are second to none.

The parcels postage stamp is also a large one to lick.

The wheat growers of Cass county are feeling better since the big snow.

It must be conceded that the weather man has handed California a lemon.

There are lots of women who pray to get into heaven and fight to get into society.

Every man who lives in Plattsmouth should be for Plattsmouth first, last and all the time.

This would not be a bad year for the state legislature to decide to draw a few loan shark fangs.

E. A. Smith, a member of the legislature from Douglas county, has prepared a bill which he will ask that body to pass and enact into law, compelling all physicians to write their prescriptions in plain, everyday English. He thinks when a patient has a prescription for a nickel's worth of salts he ought to know whether he is being charged 50 cents for them.

Governor Morehead was duly inaugurated yesterday, and is now the chief executive of the great state of Nebraska. The Journal has great faith in Governor Morehead and believes when the time arrives for him to retire he will do so as one of the most efficient public servants the state has ever had. May success attend Governor Morehead and his administration and may his term be one of pleasure to both himself and family.

A newspaper is the cheapest thing you can buy, it comes to you every day or week, as the case may be, rain or shine, calm or stormy, bringing you the best news of the neighborhood. No matter what happens, it enters your door a welcome friend, bringing sunshine and happiness. It shortens the long winter day, and enlivens the long winter nights. It is your adviser, gossip and friend. No man is just to his wife and children who does not give them a home paper to read. Now is the time to subscribe.

President Wilson says he is going to abolish the hand-shake. This is the most sensible idea.

The plan of making a great man stand up while people file before him and ring his hand is the most idiotic of all idiotic performances that we have inaugurated. General Grant was undergoing this foolish custom once when a fool fellow tried to dislocate his wrist by wringing his hand and it put the general out of commission for several weeks. The idiot who perpetrated the outrage thought it was smart. What possible good it can do anyone to seize a man's hand and pass it along to some hundreds of others is a mystery and we are glad to see that Wilson has inaugurated a needed reform by stopping the foolish thing.

A bill has been prepared by the superintendents of school from over the state, and a committee from the State Teachers' association, which provides for state aid for the teaching of agriculture and domestic economy in the accredited high schools, rural high schools, consolidated rural schools and county high schools. As the bill is drafted the amount paid to the various schools will be graduated according to the class of school. The largest amount provided for in the bill was \$1,250 a year. The matter was discussed at the meeting and met the approval of the fifty or sixty superintendents present. The matter will be taken up at once and each county superintendent will make an effort to create sentiment in his community in favor of the bill.

Governor Morehead bears his honors meekly.

The coal man is able to sit up and take nourishment.

It is hope deferred that gives so many people cold feet.

Officially it is "parcel post"—not "parcels post." Well, we are willing.

It took the government just five years to find out it was wrong about the coal trusts.

The Commercial club has decided in favor of another banquet, but the date is not fixed.

Old Boreas was a little slow in getting here, but when he arrived he had his baggage with him.

Governor Morehead urges practical economy in expenditures and the legislature should heed his advice.

Women are going to wear watches on their ankles. Gee, but there will be a lot of interest in the time of day.

If the parcel post can make good on eggs the public will be satisfied as to bacon and the rest of the breakfast table.

Seasons may come and seasons may go, but the man who says "things ain't like they used to be" will be with us forever.

You can help make 1913 luckier than any other year if you want to. Join the Commercial club and boost the town in which you live.

Kansas Cityans are being asked to reduce their consumption of natural gas. It is hard to tell which of the newspapers of that city this is aimed at.

William Rockefeller is probably not so much afraid of being unable to answer leading questions, safely, as he is alarmed at the cost of doing so. Morgan had to pay seven lawyers \$50,000 to steer him safely through.

Voting by mail is one of the things that the Nebraska legislature will have to contend with through a bill that will be introduced to that effect. They have such a law in Kansas, and it is said to work like a charm.

A young, vigorously growing state, the one honored with the name of Washington, has planned to establish this year a matrimonial bureau through which the surplus of women in the east can become better acquainted with the surplus of men in the northwestern corner of the country, with serious intentions on both sides. It is said that substantial public sentiment there is urging the legislature to pass the necessary law, and that many members are pledged to it.

What a majority of the people of Nebraska want is not more law, but just and equitable laws, and in their enforcement have them apply to all classes alike.

The "star" boarder's lean stomach craves meat, but the high price of that commodity makes it necessary to substitute something cheaper a part of the time.

Believing that the devil is busier in the summer time than in the winter, an Omaha minister has decided to take his annual vacation during the winter months.

A Commercial club puts life and vim in any community. That has been fully demonstrated to the satisfaction of all liberal-minded citizens right here in Plattsmouth.

Some scientists say that aeroplane flights destroy tuberculosis germs. Aviators seldom die with tuberculosis—death is dealt out to them in another kind of a package.

Freak shipments by parcel post will not last long. The postoffice is a practical, common-sense institution, and stamps have too close a resemblance to cash to be wasted.

Winter is making such a cautious and strategic approach that he is likely to find the garrison has evacuated into spring before he gets his investment lines established.

Judge Jesse L. Root declines to register as a legislative lobbyist. No one believes that Judge Root has gotten down to that point yet, nor is he liable to be classed with those rounders.

Governor Morehead believes that selling drugs to prisoners at the penitentiary should be recognized by law as an act entitling the vendor to a steady job in the pen himself. A little of that sort of statesmanship would clean things up wonderfully at the prison.—Lincoln Star.

The coming natural events for 1913 may be summed up as follows: Spring begins March 21 at 18 minutes after midnight; summer begins June 21 at 8:09 p. m.; fall begins September 23 at 10:53 a. m., and winter on December 22 at 5:35 a. m. There will be five eclipses, three of the sun and two of the moon. The first, an eclipse of the moon, partly visible here, takes place at 3:16 a. m. on March 22. The second is a partial eclipse of the sun April 6, only visible in the northwestern portion of North America. The third is a partial eclipse of the sun on August 31, visible in Greenland. The fourth is a total eclipse of the moon on September 15, the beginning visible here at 4:40 a. m., and the last is another partial eclipse of the sun on September 20, visible in southern Africa.

Rabbits ought to be ripe now.

This does not look much like California weather.

And again an old-fashioned winter day is relished by the best of men.

Nothing new in the world. Even the new year is just like the old one.

You wouldn't shop early. But you can be compelled by the law to shovel the snow.

P. C. Kelley of Grand Island is the speaker of the Nebraska house of representatives.

A newspaper out west refused to publish the ten commandments for fear its readers would think them too personal and stop the paper.

Uncle Sam's rural carriers have a prospect of heavier loads, but heretofore their wagons have been running with extra light weights. They will enjoy the increased usefulness of their daily rounds, no doubt.

The Commercial club is getting ready for a vigorous campaign for any and everything that is calculated to benefit Plattsmouth's interests. The election of Henry Schneider as president and Hilt Wescott as secretary means that two hustlers have hold of the strings now, and with the assistance of every citizen who should have the interests of our city at heart, something will surely be doing when spring opens.

A year of bumper crops was 1912. The "movement to the farm" has been as great in the majority of sections as in any year past. The valuation of the American farm today is estimated at over \$41,000,000,000, showing an increase of \$21,000,000,000 in twenty years. There are 6,000,000 farms, covering close to 200,000,000 acres. There are 5,000,000 farms worked by owners. From this one can see that the farmers from the largest single class of voters in the United States. The average value of the farm is about \$2,000. Assuming that each farmer's family averages six persons, there is a farming community in this country of over 30,000,000 persons, or one-third the entire population.

A Hero in a Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a light house keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck, himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so-called cures for years, without benefit, and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50 cents at F. G. Fricke & Co.

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