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And there was a hot time in old town El Paso that night.

At any rate, Nebraska is right in the thick of it down on the Mexican border.

Those Mexican rebels fight a good deal the way the St. Louis Browns play ball.

If Diaz should lose his job he could easily get another one as a western league umpire.

It costs \$11 a minute to talk from Omaha to New York. There's where time is money.

Senor Madero might exclaim with the three witches, "Bubble, bubble, toll and trouble."

It is not necessarily a sign of a man's literary attainments for him to pay \$50,000 for a single book.

A Baltimore politician exclaimed, after the election went his way, "God bless everybody." Oh, you mint julep.

The young man who was fined \$100 for swatting the umpire probably wishes now he had made a good job of it.

The Japanese war scare has disappeared. Maybe Captain Hobson has stuck it up in his Georgia watermelon patch.

Perhaps the reason this spring has been so favorable is that the spring poets have behaved themselves unusually well.

Adam Bede says the way to get a good mayor is to advertise for him. Sure, get a Bede on him by using a Bee want ad.

Jeffries has gone to the coronation and Johnson says he is going. Right on the heels of the Anglo-American peace pact, too.

Those Mexicans have an inviolable love for peace, as the bearer of the white flag could testify if he had not been shot off his horse.

"Free List Passes the House." Yes, but don't get yourselves up to a pitch of expecting such a free list to give you something for nothing.

The New York girl who wears an appendix for a watch charm is of the same kin with those who used to wear live lizards on their bosoms.

The Mexican insurgents led the attack, but those insurgents in the senate at Washington seem to have beat a retreat and let Gellinger in.

One of Martin Luther's letters recently brought \$2,500. Just think of the money he might have left somebody if he had only had a typewriter.

The death rate of aged men in Ohio is said to have increased of late. Disclosures of goings in Adams county and at Columbus are enough to send the pioneers to their graves.

As to the getting of mayors by means of newspaper advertising, that is precisely the way many cities have been getting their mayors and there is ample evidence to convince fair-minded men that many a city has been getting the short end of the bargain.

In the meantime, why does not non-payment of royalties and taxes constitute ground for forfeiture of the Independent Telephone company's franchise? What says our omniscient, but inactive, city law department about it?

If we were to believe the electric light spokesman every other franchised corporation in Omaha is poaching on the streets. But the United States court has declared that the electric lighting company has no right to use our streets, either. Then it is merely to decide between trespassers.

Madero and His Army.

If Madero ever had real control over his rebel forces in Mexico he must have lost it, as shown in the disorderly assault upon Juarez. He did not order the original attack, it seems, and says he gave no orders to advance, although press correspondents say they heard him issue such orders some time after fighting had begun.

No matter about that, his army apparently did as it pleased, with or without, by or in spite of, any command from him. The descriptions agree that it became an "uncontrollable, uncontrolled and blood-thirsty mob," and they probably have not overdrawn the facts.

It is manifestly a tersely told truth—here was a pack of hot-blooded, adventurous Mexicans about to be disappointed in their hope of getting to shoot—not a well-trained, systematic army, but an incoherent mob of men. Madero is chagrined, disappointed.

The day before he had impulsively hastened messages of felicitation to President Diaz upon his avowed intention to resign.

Another thing forcibly emphasized by this attack on Juarez is the reason for President Diaz's determination to resign only after assured that the danger of anarchy as a consequence of his retirement has passed. It will take a strong hand to maintain order in Mexico.

A Transcontinental Telephone. Completion of connections by telephone between New York and Denver via Omaha marks another milestone in the utilization of this great invention.

Within the lifetime of a young man, therefore, this marvelous invention of the telephone has been brought to its present development, its lines crisscrossing the country like cobwebs, stretching over mountain and valley and stream, into the remotest nooks and corners of the earth.

It is fair to expect that talking at distance however great will become an ordinary business transaction and that the rates can and will be made popular just as has been the case with the telegraph.

Advertising for Mayors. It is hard to know just when to take a humorist seriously. For here is Adam Bede declaring in a speech at Pittsburgh that the best way for a city to get a mayor is to advertise for him in the newspapers and that there is no reason why one man might not go from city to city, successively acting as the mayor of each.

Well, perhaps Minnesota's funny man is right, at least as to the latter proposition he sets up, for it is a method practiced by German cities. Certainly there is need in this country for skill and experience in the government of cities.

It's pretty hard to keep those insurgents together down at Washington. Here is Congressman Norris, who voted with "Uncle Joe" against reciprocity, voting with the insurgents again for the farmers' free list, and here's Senator Norris Brown, who insurges occasionally except on reciprocity, voting for a stand-patter like Gellinger for president of the senate.

From the silence into which he has lapsed one might suppose that the abolition of the senate and the plan to toss the constitution into the waste basket were the only novelties Victor Berger could think up.

Kansas City advertises that it has spent \$3,500,000 on its park and boulevard system. Omaha has not

attorneys and policemen in Nebraska who fail to enforce the letter of every law as other people read it, he will be kept busy from now on twenty-four hours a day, and then some.

Anti-Affinity Laws.

The Columbus Journal believes Ohio should follow the example of Kansas in enacting a law punishing men who desert their wives and families. It holds up to public approval the so-called anti-affinity law enacted by the last Kansas legislature as a model.

In which it is wrong. This Kansas law is doubtless a good one. It must be, for it has many earmarks of the Nebraska law enacted by the legislature of 1903, in operation now eight years, whereas the Kansas law has been operating about eight weeks.

But the Nebraska law, apparently, is even wider in its protective measures than the Kansas statute, for it applies to a recreant wife or mother as well as to deserting husband or father, imposing on her precisely the same penalties as upon the man.

People who admire a man with the courage of his convictions, whether favorable or opposed to Canadian reciprocity, must applaud the answer given by President Taft to the delegation of the National Grange remonstrating against the reciprocity agreement.

In Missouri, where there was a decline of 3 per cent. in the number of farms and a gain of 7 per cent. in improved acreage, the amount spent for labor was 22 per cent. larger and that for fertilizers was 78 per cent. larger.

At certain hours of the day New York's harbor takes on the appearance of a great railroad freight yard. During the last month 1,622 cars have been ferried across the North river from New Jersey to Manhattan on an average in a day.

One reason for high taxi-cab fares in New York City is said to be the high charges made by hotels for the privilege of letting cabs stand along their frontages.

Washington Post: An Omaha girl somnambulist walked downtown dressed in blue silk pyjamas. Well, maybe she was asleep.

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Around New York

Heroism worthy of a medal or a more useful reward toward those who are common-places in New York the other day, and is now enrolled in the gossip of millinery-dom as a classic of carnage.

When 15,000 men of the army, or even 11,000, if that be the really correct total, can live under canvas in Texas and California for two months with only one case of typhoid, the Spanish war must be conceded to have had lessons for us as valuable as the privileges it brought for Cuba.

Seven cities warred for Homer, being dead, who, living, had no roof to shroud his head. But twenty-one republics have honored Andrew Carnegie in his lifetime.

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People Talked About

Mr. Boas is the New York manager of the Hamburg-American Line of Ocean Steamships, is an enthusiastic yachtsman, and has been decorated by the emperors of Germany and Austria and the kings of Italy and Sweden.

Mrs. Elizabeth Menzies, of Newport, Me., is thought to be the youngest great-grand mother in the state. She is 87 years of age and a native of England. Her great-grandchild, Elizabeth May Dorson, is two years old.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas is flying to the relief of the lady mayor of Humboldt and "this state is going to be made as dry as it is possible to make it." This is well. Kansas is too temperamental to be trusted with stimulants.

By the action of the Arkansas legislature, a definite limit of intoxication is established for state officials. Each will be entitled to one square drunk. That might be accidental; but a second offense would be prima facie evidence that it was premeditated.

Ex-Senator Chasney M. Depew of New York proclaims himself the happiest man in America. No official duties; no begging the president for patronage, no listening to speech making in Washington. No applications for railroad passes. No demands for after-dinner speeches. An occasional board meeting; plenty of money; good health; a jolly disposition; and no public future! What more could an old man ask?

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LOOTING THE MOSQUE OF OMAR. New York Sun: It is strange that none of the dispatches that recount "the desecration of the Mosque of Omar" by British explorers searching for the Ark of Covenant and what not, mentions the Jordan tree of Kak-el-Fakir, which overhung the site at least as far back as the Caliphate of Hum Ya-Mon.

MOTHER. You may sing me your song of golden hair, You may sing of a sweetheart young and fair, To whom your heart confesses; But I'll sing of one whose feeble step In the valley fainter grows; Of her silvery crown Who wanders down Where the setting sun is glowing.

BREEZY TRIFLES. "That prima donna sings like an angel," said the musician. "Yes," replied the impresario, "and she catches pretty near wanting me to pave the streets with gold for her."—Washington Star.

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Spring Debility

Is due to the debilitating weather of the season, and to the impure, impoverished, devitalized condition of the blood caused by too close confinement, too little outdoor air and exercise, too heavy diet during the winter. It is cured by the great constitutional remedy Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Telephone Talks No. 2 TELEPHONE COURTESY.

In telephone affairs, as in every other business, the personal element must be considered. You are human, and the person with whom you talk as well as the operator who connects you are human.

The hastily spoken word and its inflection, no matter what its provocation, conveys an undesirable impression. Courteous talk over the telephone is like oil on machinery—it prevents friction and pays big returns.

Our operators are required to be brief but polite under all circumstances. They are instructed not to answer complaints or carry on any conversation. Their whole time is taken up in executing orders for connections.

NEBRASKA TELEPHONE CO. A. F. McAdams, Omaha Manager