

IF YOU made any New Year's resolutions, for heaven's sake stick to them.

AS A preliminary step to the race of 1912, W. J. Bryan has recently joined the Eagles. "The people must rule."

THE year of 1908 has been one of the hardest on fire insurance companies, and some of the strong ones have reinsured their risks and quit the field. The disastrous forest fires in the north have been a heavy drain on the accumulated surpluses of the companies. Yet there are those who claim that insurance rates are too high.

THE Beatrice Express changed hands the first of the year, the new owners being Henry W. Munson of Lincoln and Frank O. Edgecombe of Geneva, recently associated together in the publication of the Nebraska Farmer. The Express has been one of our most valued exchanges and we note with pleasure that the new management will retain E. W. Huse as editor.

LEADING democrats of Topeka have organized for the purpose of starting a daily paper in the interests of Mr. Bryan's campaign for the presidency at the end of Mr. Taft's term. And it is said that similar organizations are to be effected in every county in every state in the union. Business men who had hoped that the election would settle matters, it seems, are not to have their hopes realized.

LAST Friday, New Year's Day, President Roosevelt kept open house for the last time during his administration. He stood in line for three hours while the Washingtonians of every color and condition filed past and grasped his outstretched hand. Seldom has a president filled the chair who has been as strong a champion of the rights of the whole people. The meekest citizen of the United States has only the highest respect and love for the president, and when he steps down and out on March 4 next, he will have completed an administration which will go down in his-

tory as one of the greatest since the organization of the government.

IN DISCUSSING the municipal ownership idea with a prominent business man recently he expressed the fear that under that system inefficiency and gross mismanagement would be the rule. The NEWS-HERALD assures him that his fears are groundless. Statistics prove the contrary, and the information may be obtained in our own state that municipal ownership is proving an ideal solution to several vexing problems.

CHARLES P. TAFT'S withdrawal from the senatorial race in Ohio will redound to his credit all over the nation. The fact that he was a brother of the president-elect would not require the renunciation of any of his personal ambitions, and the fact that he was big enough and broad enough to sacrifice his own aspirations on the altar of his country's good, when that opinion was anything but unanimous, stamps him as a man of the first magnitude. Ohio has furnished the nation with many illustrious men, and of these Charles P. Taft is not the least.

PLATTSMOUTH—the old town on the Muddy just below where the Platte empties its sand-laden waters into the larger river, and makes a pale streak down the west side of the murky stream—Plattsmouth, which in the early days had every prospect of becoming the metropolis of Nebraska, but failed owing, not to locality or topographical condition, but by reason of internal indifference and short sightedness—Plattsmouth, the town which has had its ups and downs, which has flourished, boomed, faded and retrograded, and suffered from various vicissitudes, from floods, fires and field fortune is, apparently, coming out of its shell of desuetude and getting busy. The younger generation is taking hold of the reins of public affairs, and a dawn of a new era is breaking. They have organized a commercial club. There is no town, large or small, which can keep abreast of her neighbors and up to the times without the active and constant operation of a live and aggressive commercial club. When is Red Oak going to get busy along this line.—Red Oak (La.) Express.

Thank you, brother. And we believe that our younger generation is composed of just enough vim, vigor and virility to accomplish that which it will. Our commercial club starts out most auspiciously and the "dawn of a new era" is rosy with promise.

Teachers Take to Matrimony. Contrary to the general belief, matrimony plays havoc with the teaching force in the state of Nebraska. Most of the teachers are women. Not long ago a woman teacher who had taught for twenty-five years was given a public reception as a mark of appreciation for her services. A prominent business man living in the same town got to thinking over the esteem in which she was held and decided that he thought a great deal of the lady himself so he proposed marriage and was accepted and there will be no more public receptions to teachers in that town. County Superintendent S. A. Reasoner of Buffalo county, with headquarters at Kearney, sends a tale of woe to State Superintendent McBrien. He regrets to report that there are twelve vacancies in the teaching force of his county, and sad to relate, most of the vacancies are due to matrimony. He does not blame the women teachers entirely, because in each instance there was a man in the case. William Hawley Smith often advised teachers not to leave a \$50 job for a \$25 man and the women teachers of Nebraska have generally lived up to this. However, some of them have taken the \$50 man.—Lincoln Journal.

OUR city council is certainly afraid of the light proposition. HABIT has a strangle hold on most of us. Do you invariably write it 1909? FIRST thing the weather man knows some fool body will be worrying about a shortage in the ice crop.

WHILE Taft is a golf enthusiast of the first water, Sherman is a baseball fan among fans. Their office boys will doubtless preserve these facts for future reference.

WHILE we are having our municipal trials in securing an adequate light and power service, our sister city of Beatrice is wrestling with the question of a better water supply.

BUSINESS men of Plattsmouth should lend their best endeavors to the work of the commercial club. This organization can be of almost infinite benefit to our municipality if we will but take hold and boost.

AT LEAST one guaranty bank law bill has already been framed and will be introduced in the senate as soon as that body convenes. Senator Volpp, representing Washington and Dodge counties, is the father of the measure, and the Scriber News says it is a "compliment to its author."

HENRY C. RICHMOND seems to be in the fight to the finish for chief clerk of the house. He should have it if he wants it, handed to him on silver platter, but the state will be infinitely the winner if the other man pulls down the persimmon. It isn't much of a trick to make a chief clerk, but good newspaper men are scarce.

ALWAYS TWO KINDS. By a small majority the democrats carried Nebraska at the recent election and now it seems that there are two kinds of democrats in the new legislature, one kind considering the party platform too radical on the state guarantee of bank deposits. Nebraska would be better off if it had not turned its election into a personal compliment.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

REPUBLICANS ARE THAT WAY. Despite the exaggerated professions of scepticism on the part of some very superior critics of all things that are, it looks more and more as if the republican majority at Washington would loyally fulfill its promise of tariff revision, and that according to the reasonable rule that the way to revise is to revise.—New York Tribune.

HIS MONEY WELL EMPLOYED. If the report were true that Andrew Carnegie had provided \$150,000 to carry on the Pittsburg inquiry into municipal corruption he would have initiated a desirable form of moral philanthropy. Endowment funds for the exposure and prosecution of hoodling are a novelty which may ultimately appeal to millionaire bounty and in which there are abundant opportunities for possessors of swollen fortunes to avert the disgrace of dying rich.—New York World.

IS JOHN A DEMOCRAT? At a recent Fontanelle club dinner, John L. Webster attacked the primary system, which he said had not brought the results anticipated, and urged that we should do well to revert to the old system of county and state conventions, where men got together for exchange of ideas and to receive the enthusiasm which only personal contact affords, afterward returning to their constituents not only to communicate to them this enthusiasm but a clearer understanding of the party platforms.—State Journal.

A HARMLESS OCCUPATION. Almost anybody who reads the news papers can sit down with a paper and pencil and build a cabinet for the next president of the United States. All that is required is a knowledge of people who bulk large in their various professions and consideration of those who like F. H. Hitchcock, have performed notable services for the party, such as running a steam roller. Cabinet-making for persons who have nothing else to do is almost as interesting as fitting together one of those cardboard puzzles. Among the nine cabinet offices it is almost impossible not to guess at least one, and so every person who has nothing else to do is making his little guess. Quite a harmless occupation, assuredly.—Pittsburg Post.

STAND up for your own rights if you would command the respect of your fellows. This applies to communities as well as individuals. Hence the need for a strong, active commercial club.

Now is the time to commence your advertising campaign for 1909. Strong well-directed publicity is a bigger factor today in the business world than ever before. Are you getting your share of the business of the community?

Forty-four Years. L. B. Brown who has been a resident of Cass county since 1865, was in the NEWS-HERALD office Monday and renewed his subscription to this household necessity. Mr. Brown got the first issue of the Plattsmouth Herald forty-four years ago coming February and has been a constant reader of the paper since that time. The Herald was started February 1865 by H. D. Hathaway who published it until 1872. Mr. Brown has been a faithful friend and has stood by us in all the vicissitudes of forty-four years, and he expects to read the Herald whether by that name or some other as long as he lives.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders. For children successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's home in New York, cure feverishness, bad stomach, teething disorders, moves and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

When Rubbers Become Necessary. And your shoes pinch. Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for Breaking in New Shoes. Sold everywhere, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder for swollen, tired, hot, smarting feet. Sample sent free. Also Free Sample of the Foot-Ease Sanitary Corn-Pad, a new invention. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

F. L. Curtis of Fairbury, foreman of the Fairbury Journal of that city was a Plattsmouth visitor Monday. CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Beware the Signature of J. C. Watson.

IS VERY ANNOYING

This Hardly Expresses What Plattsmouth People Say of It.

Any itchinness of the skin is annoying. Little danger in itching skin diseases. But they make you miserable. Doan's Ointment is a never-failing cure. For Piles, Eczema, all itching troubles, Plattsmouth citizens endorse it. Mrs. Joseph Wurga, of 1400 Main street, Plattsmouth, Neb., says: "Experience has taught our family the value of Doan's Ointment. My mother was troubled for a good many years with a skin irritation on one of her feet. Despite the fact that she tried remedies of various kinds no relief was obtained until she used Doan's Ointment which by chance she learned about and procured at Gering & Co.'s drug store. This preparation not only banished the trouble at the time but effected a permanent and absolute cure. I also used Doan's Ointment for a terrible itching on my right hand and wrist. A few applications reduced the inflammation and stopped the itching. I have had slight touches of the trouble since but an appeal to Doan's Ointment has always given me relief. We are never without this splendid preparation in the house, finding it invaluable." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Plattsmouth Again Winner. W. C. Hamilton who has been a poultry fancier for several years and most successful breeder of single comb Buff Orpington fowls, made a splendid showing at the Trans-Mississippi pet stock show just held. Mr. Hamilton captured many valuable prizes, his winnings being as follows: First and second on hen; third and fifth cocks; second, fourth and fifth cockerels; second, third, fourth and fifth pullet; first and second pen. Mr. Hamilton was by far the strongest breeder represented in the Buff Orpington breed, and carried off more premiums than any other in that line.

Everybody Looking. Nearly everyone is looking to see what is new on display in the way of Christmas novelties. While you are looking, don't fail to drop into Crabbell's jewelry and see Mrs. Howland's beautiful line of hand-painted china. Brooches, 50c to \$1.25; pin trays, 50c to \$1.00; plates, \$1.25 to \$10.00. You will also find jewel trays, toilet articles, nut bowls and many other novelties especially appropriate for Christmas gifts. If

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance company of Cass county, Neb., will be held at the Hill school house (District No. 88) on Saturday, January 9th, 1909, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. J. P. FALTER, Secretary. JACOB TRITSCH, President.

Every Woman Will be Interested. There has recently been discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, called Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN-LEAF. It is the only certain regulator. Cures female weaknesses and Backache, Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 90 cts. Sample FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Fred Draper Disappears. Fred Draper the fourteen year old son of A. B. Draper of Atlantic, Iowa, disappeared last August. Sheriff Quinton received from the boy's father a description of the boy. He has brown hair, large blue eyes, corner of one front tooth broken off, scar on scalp, weighs about 110 pounds. A reward of \$200 is offered for news of his whereabouts. Exchanges please copy.

Here is Relief For Women. If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's Australian-Leaf. It is a safe and never failing regulator. At Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample package free. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Sustains Fracture of Leg. Will Campbell who operates a saw mill between Wabash and Weeping Water, had the misfortune to have a heavy log fall on his leg, breaking it. Mr. Campbell was taken to the Elmwood hospital where medical attention was given him.

Elmwood Lady Sick. Mrs. C. D. Kunz, wife of a prominent Elmwood retired farmer, is reported quite sick, and was taken to the local hospital for treatment Thursday. It was found necessary to perform a surgical operation and Mrs. Kunz's condition is very critical. When You Put on Stockings. Of the heavier sort, do your shoes pinch, and your feet swell and perspire? If you sprinkle Allen's Foot-Ease in your shoes, it will give you rest and comfort, and instant relief from any annoyance. Sold everywhere, 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Mr. and Mrs. John Dunbar and wife and son, of Avoca and Mrs. Palmer of Nehawka are guests of Sheriff Quinton and wife.

Real Estate Transfers. A. Gerdes to E. Kuehn w. d. \$400. Lots 22, 23, 24, block 13. 1st add. Murdock. J. G. Hansen to E. G. Hansen w. d. \$1. S E 1-4 and S 1-2 N E 1-4 11-10-12 N 1-2 N E 1-4 14-10-12. J. G. Hansen to F. A. Hansen w. d. \$5200. S W 1-2 35-11-12. J. G. Hansen to C. N. Hansen w. d. \$3500. N W 1-4 3-10-12. J. G. Hansen to Lena A. Dyzart, w. d. \$1. N W 1-4 10-10-12. J. G. Hansen to J. Hansen et al. w. d. \$1. N E 1-4 9-10-12. J. D. Shrader to W. A. Scott q. c. d. \$150. Lots 6, 7, block 3 Murray. I. Pearlman to Mary E. Egenberger w. d. \$300. Lot 10, block 33 city. J. B. Higley to Perry Marsh w. d. \$150. Part N W 1-4 N W 1-2 19-12-14. R. B. Windham trustee to Perry Marsh w. d. \$40. Part N W 1-4 N W 1-4 19-12-14.

Opportunities For Young Women. The Philadelphia school for nurses, 2219 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., offers Free Scholarships in Trained Nursing to young women in every state in the Union. The scholarships cover the full two years course, with room, board, uniforms, laundering, etc., included, and railroad fare paid to home town or district upon the completion of the course. A home study course and a short resident course are also provided, which quickly open the door to opportunity and enable progressive students to render a noble service to humanity and at the same time acquire for themselves a substantial income from the best paid occupation now open to women; besides qualifying every student to deal with emergencies in the home that may mean the saving of a loved one's life. Far-seeing philanthropists are adding to the resources of this school, with the view of ultimately extending these benefits to earnest, energetic young women in all country districts and in all the smaller towns and cities. The institution is approved and endorsed by leading physicians and educators of the entire country. Some of the leading men of this state are its strong supporters and endorsers, as will be seen by the catalogue which will be sent to any one who writes to the school for it.

Photo card views of Plattsmouth, 2 for 5c at Nemetz & Co's.

FACTS The news items of the home community. The things in which you are most interested. The births, weddings, deaths of the people you know. The social affairs of our own and surrounding towns. These are the kind of facts this paper gives you in every issue. They are certainly worth the subscription price.

A BAPTIST ELDER Restored to Health by Vinol "I was run down and weak from indigestion and general debility, also suffered from vertigo. I saw a cod liver preparation called Vinol advertised and decided to give it a trial, and the results were most gratifying. After taking two bottles I regained my strength and am now feeling unusually well." Henry Cunningham, Elder Baptist Church, Kingston, N. C. Vinol is not a patent medicine—but a preparation composed of the medicinal elements of cod's livers, combined with a tonic iron and wine. Vinol creates a hearty appetite, tones up the organs of digestion and makes rich, red blood. In this natural manner, Vinol creates strength for the run-down, over-worked and debilitated, and for delicate children and old people. For chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis Vinol is unexcelled. All such persons in this vicinity are asked to try Vinol on our offer to refund their money if it fails to give satisfaction.

GERING & CO. PLATTSMOUTH, NEB

Have One Doctor No sense in running from one doctor to another. Select the best one, then stand by him. Do not delay, but consult him in time when you are sick. Ask his opinion of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds. Then use it or not, just as he says.

Ayer's Always keep a box of Ayer's Pills in the house. Just one pill at bedtime, now and then, will ward off many an attack of biliousness, indigestion, sick headache. How many years has your doctor known these pills? Ask him all about them.

ACORNS The Popular 5c Cigar.

YOUR DOLLAR Will come back to you if you spend it at home. It is gone forever if you send it to the Mail-Order House. A glance through our advertising columns will give you an idea where it will buy the most.

1909 JOB PRINTING IS that the kind of printing you want? Right Up-to-Date in the matter of Stock, Type and of Composition? Do you like neat, tasty and stylish stationery or other printing at reasonable prices? And do you sometimes need a job done in a "rush"? Then COME TO US OUR Job Printing Department is right up to 1909 in every respect. We have a reputation for Good Work and prompt Delivery. We have expert Letterpress artists whose taste and knowledge of the craft are well known. Our prices are consistently low. NEWS-HERALD PRINTERS

What Others Say IN THE HANDS OF FRIENDS. Most of those who are reported as "being seriously considered for a place in the cabinet" are apparently doing the considering themselves.—Philadelphia Press. HISTORY REPEATS. Someone once publicly pulled President Andrew Jackson's nose, and now another someone has pulled President Falliers' whiskers. All of which shows that mankind is essentially scrappy and that history is prone to repeat itself.—Philadelphia Record. POSSESSES EGO. Senator Aldrich says the country is not ready for postal saving banks, and when Aldrich says the country isn't ready for anything, the next day the deliberative body on earth may gen-

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A PIANO We have just established ourselves in your city with a fine line of strictly high-grade pianos, a stock which is strictly up-to-date in every particular and which is absolutely guaranteed as to quality, workmanship and material, both by us and the manufacturers. In order to introduce ourselves we propose to quote you some Exceptionally Low Prices ...and... Your Own Terms We also carry a handsome line of sheet music at popular prices and will appreciate the courtesy of a call at our store. Satisfaction guaranteed. Two instruments used but a short time will be sold at a great sacrifice. Come in and see them. The Plattsmouth Music Co. TELEPHONE 422 J. A. Becker, Manager