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VALEDICTORY.

Old Year, thy cup of destined Time
Is broken and a piece,
Thy feast ends the midnight chime
Thy dance of glory ceases.
Thy dawns and eves fluttered past,
Thy last stars gem the sky,
And lo! the faithful moon—the last—
Goodby, Old Year, goodby.

Thy snows were purer than the snows
That crown the Alps with glory
Thy roses sweeter than the rose
Of olden song and story.
Alas, thy gay pageantry
Of days and nights should die.
The bloom has left the rose and thee,
Goodby, Old Year, goodby.

Oh, linger yet, thou canst not part
The golden ties that bind thee,
A strand of love to every heart,
Has fastened and entwined thee.
Good fellowship, occasions dear,
A dream we builded high
A look, a smile, perhaps a tear—
Goodby, Old Year, goodby.

Ah, years will bloom and fade away,
And be forgot in waning,
But thou shalt still be yesterday
To all the years remaining.
But yesterday, so far withdrawn,
Yet to the heart so nigh,
Alas the chimera chanting "Gone"
Goodby, Old Year, goodby.

—Publishers Auxiliary.

Don't write it 1910 any more—
1911, remember.

Doctor Wiley's years of research on
the subject of pure foods seem to
have resulted in a verdict in favor of
home cooking.

The Old Year is drawing to a close
amidst numerous appalling disasters
and great loss of life.

Plattsmouth can do better in 1911
than she did in 1910, if we have less
kickers among our people, and we all
get down to business.

Two Christmases and two New
Years within a week seem to be al-
most too much of a most admirable
thing.

There seems to be only one remote
chance for ever getting rid of the
long hat pins, and that is to have
sunbonnets become all the style.

If you want to quit drinking,
smoking and chewing, do it now.
But for the good it will do you and
your parents, young man, quit the
cigaret habit.

Of all the states Rhode Island has
the densest population—508 to the
square mile. No wonder the Rhode
Islanders are stand-patters; they can-
not progress much without getting
out of the state.

It is feared Woodrow Wilson is go-
ing to be as poor a politician as
Roosevelt or Hughes. With all his
educational advantages Mr. Wilson
has never learned the science of
whispering.

There will be an effort put forth
by the Lincoln people to have an ap-
propriation made of several hundred
thousand dollars to have the state
capital building repaired and fixed
up so that it will do for several
years. Why not have the capital re-
moved now, and save this money for
an entire new capital building? Let's
settle this capital removal question
as soon as possible and get over with
it. If it's bound to come let it come

Hon. John Kuhl, of Cedar county,
seems to be in the lead for speaker
of the house, and it is conceded he
will be the choice of the democratic
caucus. Mr. Kuhl will prove "the
right man in the right place."

Speaking of the commission form
of government, do you think it would
prove better than the present manner

of doing business? People should
thoroughly investigate the commis-
sion form of government before mak-
ing the leap.

The lobbyists are getting ready to
get in their work on appropriations.
The people will stand for the neces-
sary amounts, but the legislature
has no authority to throw away the
people's money in order to please a
few hangers on in Lincoln.

There are many who are disposed
to believe that Poulson and his crew
will have very little influence in his
cranky efforts with the new legisla-
ture. Even those members who are
favorable to county option have very
little use for the imported Mr. Poul-
son. He is simply a disturber, that's
all.

Congress will increase its member-
ship through the reapportionment.
Eleven of the sixteen members of the
house census committee hail from
states that must lose some members
if the membership were decreased,
and none of them felt like sawing off
the limb on which he was sitting.—
Lincoln Star.

The holidays are now over. The
Journal hopes its readers have had a
good time during this week of com-
parative leisure with many of them.
We hope their wives, children and
sweethearts have all been suitably
remembered that Christmas comes
but once a year. That they have
sent, as far as possible, greetings to
their intimate friends and associates;
and that they have all done their part
toward making everybody happy dur-
ing the Christmas holidays. The old
year has been quite prosperous and
happy to many, while death has cast
sorrow over a few by the passing of
dear friends and relatives. But such
is life. May the bright wings of love
hover over all of us during the new
year, and may we all possess more
of that spirit of human kindness than
heretofore, and may everybody en-
joy a prosperous and happy new year,
is the prayer of the Journal.

THE FACTOR OF THE WEST.

Presidential speculation that does
not take into account the West as the
deciding factor is not sound. If the
next president is a republican he will
have to get practically the solid vote
of the West to win. If he is a demo-
crat he will need the West to supple-
ment the vote of the South and pos-
sibly one or two Eastern states.

A republican who could carry the
West could also win in the regular
republican states in the East, but it is
quite conceivable that a republican
might carry practically the solid East
and lose nearly the solid West.

A democrat who could win a num-
ber of western states would have the
best chance to win in the doubtful
Eastern states.

Therefore, the deciding factor in
the next presidential election will be
the West, more particularly those
states in which the progressive spirit
is strong.

Important changes may take place
in the prestige of the respective pres-
idential possibilities between now and
the nominating year, and possibilities
not now considered may become con-
spicuous. It is too early to make
forecasts as to men.

But the progressive movement will
continue to grow; its changes will be
for the better; it will be stronger and
more general in 1912 than it is now;
and the next president will be a pro-
gressive, be he democrat or republi-
can or the leader of a new party.

And the section in which this qual-
ification will be insisted to the de-
ciding point is the West.—Kansas
City Star.

BEWILDERED PRESIDENTS.

The Wall Street Journal tells the
story of a bewildered railroad presi-
dent and solicits the sympathy of the
world for him in his troubles. This
president says that his road was
created from a trail in the wilderness
to a profitable and well managed
property. He is now extending his
road in new territory, at the urgent
desire of the inhabitants of that ter-
ritory; while, so far as his completed
road is concerned, nothing he can do
seems to please the shippers, who
practically owe their existence to the
railroad.

The Journal confesses that there
is no hope of remedying the total de-
pravity of these shippers and declares
that: "Our railroads, if anything, are
over regulated. This is no answer to
discontent. What answer could the
lamb downstream make to the wolf
above who charged him with fouling
the water?"

The case of the president is sad
indeed, but does not his sadness come
from putting, as it were, the cart be-
fore the horse. He says the shippers
practically owe their existence to the
railroad. Does not the road owe its
existence to the shippers? That old
trail in the wilderness would be there
yet if these shippers had not gone in
there and suffered hardship and toil
in turning the wilderness into fertile
fields.

In another paper on a different
date comes another story concerning
a railroad, 200 miles long. The gen-
eral officers of this road mingled
with the people and became their
friends. They insisted that all their
employees should be polite and courte-
ous. One of the general officers took
an interest in dairy farmers along the
line, brought an expert to meet them
at the farmers' institutes and in con-
junction with the farmers made ar-
rangements to handle their milk
more expeditiously. All the people
along the line knew the president
and when the Morgan group under-
took to capture the road the farmers
along the line and the business men
in the towns went into the market
and bought enough stock to control it
and keep it in the hands of their old
president. That president was also
somewhat bewildered, but he is a
very happy and contented president.
—World-Herald.

The New Year was ushered in with
a regular old-fashioned Nebraska
blizzard.

A reward should be offered for the
fellow who prophesied that this
would be a mild winter.

Be sure and write it 1911. Remem-
ber old 1910 has gone glimmering
among the things that were.

Speaking of commission govern-
ment, it would be best to post our-
selves thoroughly on the matter be-
fore acting.

Did you turn over that new leaf?
If you did, remember at what page
you marked it.

The house plants suffered Sunday
night, and there is some thoughts of
"cuss" words by some of the women
folks, if not proclaimed.

The fellow who protests that
Christmas has become "a regular
hold-up," evidently received a pair
of embroidered suspenders.

We all know that resolutions are
like pie crust, easily broken, but we
hope, especially, that those young
men who resolved to quit the cigar-
ette habit, will hold fast.

The proposition to spend \$495,-
000 improving Salt river has received
the approval of President Taft. With
an eye to his own comfort in sailing
two years hence, no doubt.

Despite the best efforts of the
Washington correspondents, the pub-
lic will at least wait twelve months
before becoming tremendously ex-
cited as to who shall be nominated
for president.

The United States boasts of 100,-

000 000 population, including the
Philippines and Porto Rico. But that
is a good deal like a man boasting of
his increased weight because he has
acquired a ten-pound tumor.

Plattsmouth is very fortunate in
securing Prof. N. C. Abbott as super-
intendent of the city schools. He is
truly an up-to-date educator and
not only that, our people will find
that Mr. and Mrs. Abbott will prove
quite an addition to the social circles
as they are both most excellent peo-
ple and very accomplished.

Can you tell us why the cattle of
Nebraska have decreased over 500,-
000 head in the past two years? If
so, come to the meeting of Organized
Agriculture at Lincoln, January 16th
to 20th, 1911, and let Nebraska
farmers be ready to take advantage
of the high prices of the future which
must come from the decreased out-
put.

Ex-Senator James Smith, of New
Jersey, has not improved his stand-
ing in the estimation of the demo-
cratic party by his views on questions
of public policy, nor his general
standing in the country by his attack
on Dr. Wilson. He who loses his
temper loses ground before witnesses.

These are lean and hungry days
for the little birds unless thoughtful
people provide for them. A few
crumbs from your table, thrown out
over the snow, will furnish a good
meal for many birds and the eager-
ness with which they attack the food
will amply repay you for the trouble.
Have you tried it?

The parcels post, if ever adopted,
will prove the greatest detriment to
home merchants that ever happened
in this country. The instigators of
this movement are the hirelings of
such large department stores as
Sears, Roebuck & Co., and Montgom-
ery Ward. The western senator or
congressman who votes for such a
measure should never be returned,
and will not be.

The farmers of Nebraska figure
they are twenty-five million bushels
of corn ahead this fall because they
planted tested seed corn instead of
depending upon the cribbed corn as
in former years. It does not cost a
penny more to bring a fifty bushels
to the acre field up to picking time,
than it does to bring a fifteen bushel
crop up to that point. If you want
to save money on corn picking plant
bad seed.

Under the state law no money shall
be paid to a school teacher who is
not legally qualified to teach. The
state superintendent and the city of
Hastings have looked this matter up.
About \$3,000 is due the Hastings dis-
trict from the state under the present
apportionment, but because of some
trouble between the board and the
state department of education the
fund will be held temporarily until
the differences are adjusted. Some of
the teachers in Hastings have not
credentials signed by the board which
has power to do so.

Aldrich, the new governor, objects
to an inaugural ball. It will be re-
membered that he told the people in
the home of his youth, back in Ohio,
how he was going to reform the state
of Nebraska, and show to the people
that he "was some governor." And
he proposes to start in by casting
aside this custom. Aldrich is reli-
gious, you know, only when there
is a horse trade in sight, or a horse
race going off. He may do well
enough as governor, but if he makes
as good a governor as Mr. Shallen-
berger, he will have to trot some.
"Shelly" is small in stature, but oh,
my, he is big in intellect.

During the past year the railroads
of the United States have greatly in-
creased their use of oil as fuel. It is
stated that the results of the intro-
duction of fuel oil in the United
States navy has also proven satisfac-
tory and steamship companies are
equipping their vessels with oil burn-
ing plants. Two of the navy's battle-

ships—the North Dakota and the Del-
aware—have been equipped with oil
burning plants and battleships now
being constructed are to be equipped
for the use of oil as an auxiliary to
coal. Fifteen destroyers will also be
so equipped. Similar experiments
are being made in a number of
European countries and the prospects
are exceedingly bright for a vast in-
crease in the consumption of low
grade oil within the next few years.

FIGHT PARCELS POST.

Every newspaper publisher should
lend all possible assistance in the
campaign started by the American
League of Associations against the
proposed establishment of local rural
parcels post service throughout the
country.

The fight of the association is di-
rected chiefly against the retail mail
order houses, the leading advocates
of the parcels post system. Such a
system would do inestimable damage
to the country merchant and to save
this class from elimination by pre-
venting, if possible, will be the chief
aim of the organization. The associa-
tion has spread broadcast a petition
which shows how the small towns
would be practically wiped out by
the failure of the small merchants,
which would have a very direct effect
upon publishers. The petition is as
follows:

"To the senate and house of repre-
sentatives of the United States:

"The undersigned respectfully pro-
test against the enactment by con-
gress of any legislation for the estab-
lishment of a local rural parcels post
service on the rural delivery routes
for the following reasons:

"It would foster the development
of an enormous trust, create an op-
pressive monopoly, destroy the pros-
perity of all country towns, ruin
thousands and tens of thousands of
jobbers and country merchants, drain
the rural communities of their capi-
tal and population, aggravate the
evils of centralized wealth and con-
gest cities, and benefit no one but
the great retail catalogue mail order
houses in the big cities and the ex-
press companies.

"In every country town, catalogue
agents of mail order concerns would
establish themselves. They would
need no store, pay no rent, employ no
clerks, require no credit and give
none, and carry no stock. Their
whole time would be devoted to solli-
citing orders from catalogues. The
merchandise would be shipped to
them by express or freight from the
retail mail order houses in the large
cities. When received it would be
deposited in the local post office and
the packages delivered by the rural
carriers.

"The rural free delivery wagon in-
augurated for the educational ad-
vancement of the people, would thus
be subverted from its original pur-
pose, and would become a mere in-
strument or agency in the hands of
the great retail mail order catalogue
houses for the development of the
most oppressive trust that human in-
genuity could devise—the mail order
trust—a trust that would eventually
control all sources of supply and all
channels of distribution for every-
thing the people must eat, wear and
use in their daily lives.

"No one but the retail mail order
catalogue houses, dealing in all
classes of merchandise, could main-
tain a local catalogue agent and
solicitor in a town. They would thus
be given a monopoly of the commer-
cial advantages of this new system
of merchandise delivery by the mail
carriers on the rural routes. The de-
partment stores in the big cities
would absorb the trade of the mer-
chants in suburban towns and vil-
lages and would be provided with a
daily package delivery system in
those places through the rural car-
riers. They would ship the packages
to the local postoffice in the subur-
ban town or village by express and
thus largely increase the business of
the express companies. All packages
sent from any other postoffice to the
postoffice where the rural route
initiated from which delivery was to
be made would have to be sent to
that postoffice by express. This
would further increase the profits of

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the express companies from the sys-
tem. No competition with express
rates would be created.

"The scheme for a local rural par-
cels post begins where competition
with the express companies ends. It
loads all the competition on to the
backs of the country merchants and
the retail tradesmen in the suburban
towns and villages.

"A local rural parcels post would
heavily increase the postal deficit.
All rural carriers who are now
equipped only for the rapid delivery
of mail would have to be equipped
with facilities for carrying freight
and merchandise in large quantities."

Space is left at the bottom of the
petition for signatures.

The enactment of the proposed
measure would prove injurious to
the small merchant in the country
town, would affect the distributor,
and concentrate business in the big
cities.

If the bill is passed the rural free
delivery, which was inaugurated for
the educational advancement of the
people, would become a great feeder
for the express companies. The sys-
tem would be subverted from its
original purpose and become a sure
instrument or agency in the hands
of the great retail catalogue mail or-
der houses for the development of
the most oppressive trust human in-
genuity could devise—the mail or-
der trust.

We are greatly pleased to know
that Hon. John Kuhl, of Cedar county
has been chosen speaker of the house
of representatives. There was no
contest, he receiving the caucus nomi-
nation unanimously. Mr. Kuhl is one
of the brightest young men in Ne-
braska, and he will make a speaker
of which the democrats can justly
feel proud. He will prove fair and
impartial in his deliberations and
rulings, and the Journal prophesies
that when the present legislature ad-
journs, it will do so with the credit
of having had one of the most popu-
lar speakers that ever presided over
a house of representatives in Ne-
braska.

Commissioner L. D. Switzer arrived
this morning from Weeping Water.
The rise in temperature allowing the
train service to be resumed in that
locality.

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