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THE OLD AND THE NEW.
 Its leave it takes.
 The old year now
 Steps forth and makes
 Its final bow.
 We hate to see it disappear;
 It wasn't such a bad old year.

Let our applause
 Fill all the hall
 Ere it withdraws
 Beyond recall.
 For 1912 one parting cheer;
 It wasn't such a bad old year.

Now for 1913.
 Begin the new year right.

Let's all "See Plattsmouth Succeed."
 We can do much toward it if
 we only think so.
 We must all think so and make
 a big effort.
 And efforts proves successful
 when "we all pull together."
 Loosen up your purse strings
 and help improve the town in
 1913.
 One important thing to swear
 off—the dating of your letters
 "1912," and to quit saying bad
 words when you break this resolution.

A business that is not worth
 advertising can hardly have a
 legitimate reason for existing or
 expect to merit the confidence and
 patronage of the people.

The Turks are now willing to
 arbitrate. It has taken many hard
 knocks to induce this fram of
 mind since the crescent was
 fighting for supremacy on the
 plains of France.

A lecturer remarks that "the
 weight of a gold dollar remains
 unchanged, but its purchasing
 power does not." This is one of
 the starting points in investigat-
 ing the high cost of living.

It can cheerfully be conceded
 to the New York suffragettes that
 tramping to Albany is much pre-
 ferable to putting acid in mail
 boxes or tampering with railroad
 switches, whether more effective
 in getting votes or not for women.

Among the democratic lead-
 ers of the New England states the
 opinion is reported to be gaining
 ground that Louis D. Brandeis,
 the able lawyer, who has given so
 much of his time to the fighting
 of the trusts which are charged
 with the violation of the laws, is
 booked for a position—that of at-
 torney general—in President-
 elect Wilson's cabinet. The ap-
 pointment would certainly be a
 strong one with reference to the
 progressive policies of the ad-
 ministration.

If the Nebraska legislature,
 which convenes next week desires
 to do a good turn to the people
 they have a splendid opportunity.
 Under our statutes no limit is
 placed on the right to appeal to
 the supreme court. As a result
 the court has been buried under
 an avalanche of petty litigation.
 The farther behind its docket the
 court gets the more appeals are
 taken, losing litigants being will-
 ing to pay the trivial expense to
 secure a three-year delay. Today
 successful claimants are virtual-
 ly defeated because this three-
 year stay of execution can be
 obtained by a simple appeal. Such
 a rotten condition of affairs
 should not be tolerated in an in-
 telligent community.

Get ready to do your clearing
 sale shopping early.
 The new year will have to go
 some to set any new high water
 marks of prosperity and progress.
 John D. advises people to save
 their pennies. Probably he
 figures that he is able to take care
 of the dollars.
 There are many ways in which
 you can help your own town. Find
 out the best and it's up to you to
 choose the best.
 Don't keep the children bustling
 round doing chores night and
 morning till they have no time at
 all for reviewing their lessons for
 school. A little quiet study at
 home helps them out wonderfully,
 encouraging them in their efforts
 to secure the best education pos-
 sible.
 Louisville Courier: Annie Vio
 Gates says some pretty bright
 things in her Blair Tribune, but
 she never told more truth in a few
 words than when she said: "When
 a preacher gets it into his head
 that he is the special envoy of
 Jesus on earth, it's time for the
 congregation to get an ax."
 Why would it not be a good
 plan for the Commercial club to
 hold a banquet some time the lat-
 ter part of this month and give
 every business man in Platt-
 smouth an invitation to attend?
 Let the club arrange for a boom-
 ing meeting and talk over matters
 of interest to the city and get in
 readiness for renewed efforts in
 1913.
 If the schoolboy cannot figure
 up how many tons of hay there
 are in a stack; how many bushels
 of corn a wagon bed or a corn-
 crib will hold; what a load of
 hogs will bring, etc., it's time you
 were knowing what his teacher at
 school is trying to cram into the
 youngster's head. A little
 theorizing is good, but practical
 knowledge is better.
 Of course Plattsmouth is the
 best town of its size in the state.
 We all know this, but we want to
 keep it in that line. We are just
 entering upon the new year with
 just as bright prospects as we had
 at the beginning of the year just
 ended, but we all want to bear in
 mind that it took energy and a
 good deal of it to accomplish all
 that was done for Plattsmouth in
 1912. It will be just as easy to
 do as much in 1913 as was done
 in 1912. There is already a
 promise of many improvements,
 but we must all put our shoulders
 to the wheel of progress and
 boost. There are so many reasons
 why we should all boost. It is not
 expected to make boosters out of
 knockers, because they are not
 built of the right kind of mat-
 terial. They would not know how
 to boost, they having been ex-
 perience knockers so long. The
 way to boost in the first place—
 back up the Commercial club in
 its efforts in behalf of the city;
 boost the schools; go and visit
 them and thus encourage the
 pupils. It helps them and the
 teachers. The city has prospered
 by boosting, and we can prosper
 in 1913 by doing the same way.
 The Journal proposes to do its
 share of boosting and it wants
 others to do the same. Let this
 be the resolution of everybody in
 Plattsmouth—one made to be
 kept: "Boost the town boosts
 with you; knock and you knock
 alone."

THE FIDDLERS' CONTEST.
 Tune up your fiddle, boys,
 And rosin up your bow,
 Limber up your fingers
 And get ready for the show.
 Bring along an extra string
 And let me "put you wise,"
 Just step in and do your best,
 Perhaps you'll win a prize.
 Old "Arkansaw" and "Money
 Musk,"
 And "Turkey in the Straw,"
 Or "Paddy on the Turnpike,"
 Are the tunes that draw.
 So come along you fiddlers
 And we'll show you how it's
 done,
 And if you shouldn't win a prize
 You'll have a little fun.
 1913 will witness a number of
 improvements in Plattsmouth.
 Uncle Sam begins the new year
 with plenty of money in his
 vaults.
 If you spend your money where
 you get it you will be able to get
 it where you spend it. Remember
 that.
 The man who is always looking
 for something soft will find it in-
 side the hat he is wearing. It is
 the hard-headed business man
 that succeeds.
 Every day it becomes more
 plain that Governor Morehead
 made no mistake when he ap-
 pointed Sheriff Fenton of Falls
 City as warden of the peni-
 tentiary.
 A. M. Morrissey has been ap-
 pointed private secretary to Gov-
 ernor Morehead. Mr. Morrissey
 was the democratic candidate for
 attorney general at the recent
 election.
 No new year has ever come in
 more auspiciously than 1913.
 That is the general consensus of
 opinions expressed by business
 people in almost every line of
 business.
 Omaha has already figured out
 that nearly four millions of dol-
 lars will be paid out for improve-
 ments in 1913. No city in the
 United States is holding its own
 better than Omaha.
 Any corporation or person that
 proposes to suppress competition
 should be able to see by this time
 that the people intend to keep
 hammering at the subject until
 their purpose is accomplished.
 The state lost 12,000 horses
 estimated to be worth a million
 and a half dollars during the
 plague prevalence last fall. If
 the automobile is going to replace
 old Dobbin, that ought to enable
 some forward strides.
 Much has been said about the
 beautiful and variety of the
 Mexican scenery. At present,
 however, the beauty is somewhat
 marred by the bodies of condem-
 ned rebels dangling from tree-
 tops.
 South Omaha wants to secede
 from the metropolis and annex
 with Sarpy county. Maybe then
 they can have a postoffice of their
 own. The way South Omaha has
 been treated in the postoffice mat-
 ter no one can hardly blame them
 for cutting loose from the old
 town.
 Hon. John H. Morehead will be
 inaugurated governor of Ne-
 braska one week from today, Jan-
 uary 9. The Journal wishes him
 all the honor, happiness and
 prosperity the new year can pos-
 sibly bring to him and his ad-
 ministration.
 The Omaha business men are
 very much exercised over the re-
 moval of the Burlington auditing
 department of the system from
 that city to Chicago. This re-
 moval, it is said, will take a hun-
 dred families away from Omaha,
 and we don't blame them for feel-
 ing very much incensed.

PREACHER PRISON KEEPERS.
 Through the appointment of a
 minister of the gospel who was
 identified with the bull moose
 cause to the position of deputy
 warden, Governor-elect Morehead
 gives notice that he has in mind
 other considerations than politics.
 It matters not that this selection
 may not have been upon his own
 motion, or that he was prompted
 to make it because the man he
 had chosen for warden desired it,
 the evidence is just as strong that
 the governor-elect conforms his
 appointments to his ideas of the
 requirements for efficacy of
 service.
 There has been a strong popu-
 lar demand for more humane and
 considerate treatment of the in-
 mates of the penitentiary. It is
 natural to believe that with a
 minister of the gospel of mercy
 and charity in so responsible a
 position as the deputy warden-
 ship, there could be no marked
 cruelties practiced without excit-
 ing his potential protest.
 This appointment may be ex-
 pected to excite some protest from
 those who have been aspirants for
 the place, if any such there may
 have been, and from some
 politicians who believe in adher-
 ing to party lines in making up
 the elements of an administra-
 tion. But it will not excite any
 protest from the people who have
 no fish to fry. On the contrary
 it will look good to them.
 The governor's impulse to make
 politics a secondary consideration
 is also disclosed in his appoint-
 ment of Rev. P. C. Johnson of
 Tecumseh to the position of
 chaplain of the penitentiary.
 Through what came to light when
 Rev. Johnson was removed from
 that position by Governor Aldrich
 some months ago, the public got
 an impression that it was because
 he was too importunate in plead-
 ing for a change of methods at
 the prison that he became involved
 with the governor and was be-
 headed. The public will look to
 these two ministerial gentlemen
 for conditions that will hereafter
 defy complaint as to the treatment
 of prisoners.—Lincoln Star.

No governor has the power to
 pardon out anyone at the Leaven-
 worth federal prison. It must
 come from one higher up—the
 president of the United States.

The property owners in the
 vicinity of where the university
 now stands are all worked up on
 the proposition to remove that
 state institution two miles from
 Lincoln. It makes but little dif-
 ference to the people of the state
 where the university buildings are
 located, but it seems that the
 property owners are much more
 interested than others. It's
 money to them. Everyone knows
 the heart of the city is no place
 for a state university.

The most important matters
 that the new legislature will have
 to contend with is the appropri-
 ations for state institutions. The
 amounts will extend to the vast
 sum of nearly \$8,000,000, and it
 behooves the honest legislator to
 keep his eyes open and vote to
 curtail them to just one-half the
 original amounts. Then it will be
 too much. "Keep down extor-
 tionate appropriations," should
 be the motto of every member of
 the house and senate.

Democrats in sixty towns of
 the Third congressional district
 where postmasters have not been
 placed under civil service will se-
 lect their postmasters by pri-
 maries, and the successful candi-
 dates will be recommended by
 Congressman Dan V. Stephens.
 This plan will not only save Con-
 gressman Stephens some trouble
 in disposing of patronage, but, in
 his opinion, goes farther toward
 touching intimately upon the
 question of the "rule of the peo-
 ple," on which democrats have
 fought campaigns for most of the
 last generation.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.
 We print below some New Year
 resolutions that were prepared by
 Dr. F. T. Rouse, pastor of the
 First Congregational church of
 Omaha, for the World-Herald,
 which that paper thought of so
 much interest as to print in its
 editorial columns. They repre-
 sent the modern view of educa-
 tion and training, and we reprint
 them for the benefit of our read-
 ers. Every school superintendent,
 teacher and parent in the land
 should read and put as many of
 them in effect as soon as possible.
 In fact, they are valuable enough
 to place them on the wall where
 one can review them constantly,
 until they are instilled into the
 mind of everyone who is a friend
 of good school training:
 1. Resolved, That studies shall
 never be pushed at the expense
 of the pupil's health. Good
 physical health is ultimately at
 the fountain of happiness, prog-
 ress and prosperity. The over-
 anxiety of the teacher or pupil for
 intellectual attainment at the ex-
 pense of perfect health is igno-
 rance and not education.
 2. Resolved, That the training
 of the hand and the eye shall run
 parallel to the training of the
 mind. That school is only half
 a school that does not have
 manual training and domestic
 science. That pupil is only half
 educated, and that brain is only
 half developed that belongs to
 one whose hands and eyes are
 dull.
 3. Resolved, That the past
 shall not be exalted at the ex-
 pense of the present. Once Greek
 and Latin opened the door to the
 storehouse of wisdom. This is
 not true today. English and Ger-
 man open the doors of the tem-
 ples of learning. Yet so con-
 servative are our educational
 methods that we follow methods
 that were timely only at least 100
 years ago. A teacher recently
 spent an hour with her pupils in
 history upon Constantinople and
 never mentioned the Balkan war
 then in progress.
 4. Resolved, That the dull
 pupil shall have the best chance.
 I helped a blind man across the
 street the other day, because he
 was blind. I did not help the man
 with eyes. We help the smart
 pupil and cuff the dull one.
 5. Resolved, That education
 shall be practical and vocational.
 A girl gets a so-called "finished"
 education in a high school, or a
 college, or a "finishing school"
 when in reality she has not begun
 to get an education that will make
 her a happy companion for a
 happy man. She cannot make a
 simple dress. She is not trained
 in domestic duties. She knows
 nothing about getting up a simple
 and wholesome and inexpensive
 meal. She knows nothing about
 proper preparations for mother-
 hood. Yet four-fifths of the hap-
 piness of the race depends upon
 these primary elements of a
 finished education.
 A young man who has been
 three years at boarding school and
 four years at college, and taken
 a postgraduate course, said, "I
 wish for God's sake someone
 would tell me what I can do." If
 a man is going to follow a trade
 he ought to prepare for it. If he
 is not going to follow a trade, he
 ought all the more to know one.
 The idea that "mental training"
 comes best in the study of some-
 thing that you do not like and
 have no use for is an exploded
 theory. The best training comes
 for what one is going to make
 use of.
 6. Resolved, That no books
 shall be seen on the street. That
 a girl of 14 or 16 should spend
 the hours till 10 or 12 at night at
 the study table at home is a
 crime against youth, as much or
 more than child labor in the
 shops. No farmer would treat his
 colt as some of our teachers treat
 their young, ambitious pupils.
 7. Resolved, That is shall not
 be considered that true instruc-
 tion is given till interest is
 aroused. Interest anyway—in-

struct if you can, this is the true
 order and law of education.

Now for the mid-winter clear-
 ance sales for which every thrifty
 housewife has been waiting.
 1912 has gone, but not forgot-
 ten, as the army of bill collectors
 this week probably reminded you.
 It is certainly a good joke on the
 Nebraskans who went to Cali-
 fornia to seek mild winter
 weather.
 About this time be sure and get
 the date right, and also properly
 pack and direct the parcel to be
 mailed.
 For the year ending December
 1, there were 10,402 deaths in
 Nebraska and 56,697 births. That
 is a pretty good record.
 An Iowan is the champion
 wrestler and a Nebraskan the
 champion prize fighter. Both
 are great states for cornfed beef.
 Aeroplanes, it is stated, will
 make artillery fire more accurate.
 There are still new laurels for
 American marksmanship to win.
 Ring in another year of plenty
 of work at good wages. It keeps
 people busy, and that's the way to
 keep all people happy during the
 year 1913.
 Oklahoma will have a proposi-
 tion before its legislature to em-
 ploy the state convicts on the
 public highways. Not a bad idea.
 Why not try it in Nebraska?
 If 60,000 tons of butter are in
 cold storage somebody must be
 suffering from a delusion that
 butter is not intended to be eaten.
 Giving the people their daily but-
 ter is a necessary feature in wise
 political economy.
 Well, you are in the new year
 now. Are you going to make
 greater efforts for success than
 you did last year? Or are you
 going to sit down and do nothing
 because we are going to have a
 new administration, and expect
 the cow to be backed up to you
 before you begin to milk? Jump
 right into the game and success
 will come to you the same as it
 has always done.
 J. Frank Barr, secretary of the
 Federation of Nebraska Retailers,
 seems to be awake to the situa-
 tion. With reference to parcels
 post, to use a street phrase, he is
 "hep" to the fact that parcels
 post is here and that lamentation
 will neither take advantage of or
 do away with it. The country
 merchant has certain advantages
 under the system, he points out—
 advantages of which he should
 make use and he will be all right.
 Notwithstanding a few demo-
 cratic newspapers, or rather, pro-
 fessed democratic newspapers,
 are fighting against the re-elec-
 tion of Champ Clark as speaker
 of the house of representatives,
 there is no organized effort
 among the house democrats to
 defeat him and there is not the
 least prospect of any of the 295
 democrats elected to the next
 house saying that he will be a can-
 didate for the speakership. Two
 hundred and sixty-three members
 have pledged themselves to vote
 for him. The remaining thirty-
 two have not been heard from.
 You will find that druggists
 everywhere speak well of Cham-
 berlain's Cough Remedy. They
 know from long experience in the
 sale of it that in cases of coughs
 and colds it can always be depend-
 ed upon, and that it is pleasant
 and safe to take. For sale by F.
 G. Fricke & Co.
Wood Wanted.
 Those of our subscribers who
 desire to pay their subscriptions
 in wood are requested to bring it
 in before the roads get bad, as
 we desire to place it in the dry.
 Come in with it, boys, right away.