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Goodbye, Governor Aldrich! Take keer o' yerself.
And now Uncle Sam is going to try to stick the glue trust.

The anomaly of the age is the scarcity of natural gas in Kansas.

Growing corn in Nebraska is safer than growing oranges in California.

Heads that lay in the winter are like ships that pass in the night, only more so.

The Express combine is fighting hard with its back to the wall and the wall is giving.

That California freeze that nipped the citrus fruit crop must be something of a lemon, itself.

This grim competition between death-distributing ships and railroads these days calls for restraint.

Where is that old-time political air, "Every Time I Come to Town, the Boys Start Kickin' My Dawg Aroun'?"

The defender of the Burlington as against Omaha and the apologist of the Water board's dictator is one and the same.

Psychoanal as it may seem, Governor Tenner, Pennsylvania's base ball governor, is said to be also a good bass singer.

The wheels of legislative machinery seem to have been started without producing any appreciable concussion or explosion.

There ought to be some way of reaching the person or persons responsible for smuggling nitroglycerin into the new county jail.

After a delightful Christmas vacation to the kids, "the saddest word of tongue or pen" is, "Willie, get up, you have to go to school again."

One way to contribute toward making Omaha more beautiful is to stop the stringing of hideous canvas signs across our principal thoroughfares.

The pretty wife of a Virginia reclus, fond of out-of-door sports, annoys him much by riding to the hounds. Perhaps he thinks she is going to the dogs.

Omaha boasts of a Civic league, an Economic league, a Labor league, a Consumers' league and a base ball league membership. It will soon be in the seven-league class.

The Bee is well aware that the Water board is going to reduce the rates. All right! Go to it! "Not next year, nor next month, but now."

Our old friend and colleague, J. W. Cutright, wants the honor of carrying the electoral vote of Nebraska to Washington. He ought to have it and would have it if we could give it to him.

He has made more notable addresses than any colleague of either party," says a Texas paper of Senator Bailey. But it is pointed out that he leaves congress after twenty years in both houses without impressing his name on a single serious measure.

A bill has been introduced in the senate appropriating \$25,000,000 for federal promotion of good roads. Whether it becomes a law or not, it indicates the vigor of the good roads movement and serves as a reminder to the states that they may do a good deal in this line without waiting for federal aid. Good roads is one of the big economic propositions that must be urged on.

The Outgoing Governor.

Governor Chester H. Aldrich today concludes his stewardship as chief executive of Nebraska. Elected as a republican he makes way after a single term for a successor representing the democratic party just as he, himself, succeeded a single-term democratic governor.

On the business side of his administration, it is generally conceded that Governor Aldrich has made a creditable record, although he has had to take the brunt of several unfortunate experiences, particularly in the penitentiary and the asylum for the feeble minded. Elected as the champion of county option at the same time that a legislature was chosen with a majority opposed to his pet scheme, this lack of harmony between executive and legislative departments could not fail to conduce to inaction.

Express Combine Reopening. One week after parcels post goes into operation, the Express combine—or one of its component companies—announces its intention to reduce rates and raise the standard of service so as to compete with the government. This looks like the beginning of a backdown.

Outing the Corners. The important part of the supreme court decision in the cotton case is not that it holds Patten and his associates to trial, but that it condemns corners in commodities as a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Facts for Publicity. The bill the Nebraska legislature will be asked to enact into a law creating the "Nebraska Development and Public Welfare Commission," revolves around the word "facts."

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Looking Backward This Day in Omaha

Thirty Years Ago—The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Towner was celebrated at their residence on Nicholas street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, last night, the wedding ceremony being repeated with Deacon Tanner officiating.

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THESE GIRLS OF OURS.

Mrs. Winkler—Is your husband a good poker player? Mrs. Winkler—I don't think so. The men are always urging him to play.—Somerville Journal.

She—Oh Jack, I'm awfully glad you proposed. He—Then you accept me? She—Well, no; but you see, your proposal puts me even with Kitty Cobb, who had the most of any girl in our set.—Boston Transcript.

The Wife—Don't you think marriage has improved you, dear? The Husband—Sure thing, I was an idiot when I married you.—Yonkers Statesman.

Where is your daughter, Harriet, now? Mrs. Winkler—I haven't seen her all winter," said Mrs. Wallops. "Oh, she's joined the colony at Reno," said Mrs. Winkler.

Dear me," said Mrs. Wallops. "Why didn't you even know she was married?" "She isn't," replied Mrs. Winkles. "She's out there studying husbandry."—Harper's Weekly.

The young man was something of a bore and the young lady sent word that she was out.

"But he has a box of candy with him," was the word that came back from the maid.

The young lady reflected, "It isn't worth it. Tell him I'm out."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

"I am afraid your husband spends too much time discussing politics." "No, he doesn't," replied the woman with a comfortable frown over her hat. "He wouldn't mind it if he was actually taking it."—

THE NEW CURE.

Denver Republican. If you have a cough at noon, Parcels-post it; If your neighbor toots a horn, Parcels-post it; If you have a cat that yowls, Or a dog that always howls, Or a friend that ever howls, Parcels-post it.

If the weather doesn't suit, Parcels-post it; If you wear a squeaky boot, Parcels-post it; If you have an aching tooth, Say not words that are uncouth, Buy some stamps and then, forthwith, Parcels-post it.

If your conscience never keeps still, Parcels-post it; Do not suffer any ill, Parcels-post it; Uncle Sam is here to please; Sturdy are his postmen's knees; If you do not like his wheeze, Parcels-post it.

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