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Office holding has become chronic with the junior editor of the North-western. *—Times.

Mr. Brown is opening up on us early if this is meant for next campaign. The fall we were in the Hills, Mr. Brown was elected, but his two endeavors since has met defeat. The only difference between us, is the fact that he did not get as many votes as did, we or which would have been "chronic."

To preserve Oriental trade, this country, from present indications, must make a vigorous protest to the countries who are fast parceling out China among them. Otherwise our great and growing commerce with poor old effete China must suffer a set back and probably annihilation. The day is at hand when the prosperity of a country depends upon its foreign commerce and the welfare and commercial activity of the United States to-day can be credited to the fact that the world is demanding immense quantities of manufactured products, and the United States is furnishing them. The past year shows a balance of trade in our favor of more than \$600,000,000 and the farm has furnished more than \$700,000,000, or more than half our exports. Now let the man with a thimble full of brains, set him down and contemplate these figures. The calamity propagator says we owe Europe ten billion dollars, he knows it is false, but say we do, with the right kind of a policy how long will it be until we will have it paid and with their own money. If foreign countries pays us tribute at the rate of six hundred millions a year, how long will it be before they will owe us. How long will it be before America will be the money center of the world? Those are government statistics, not mere imagination. Does it take a brilliant mind to see what the inevitable must be? Then let the common people decide under whose guardianship we are traveling toward commercial supremacy, and if the policy of the republican party is responsible for it why should we drop back into the lap of calamity and depression as we never fail to do under a democratic administration. Again is it necessary that we should control the Philippines? Can a great and growing commerce like ours flourish in a foreign land without a friendly port to shelter it? And if not should we keep such a port when we have it? We do no one any

harm but civilize and better the condition of a semi-barbarous people and place ourselves upon an equal footing with the nations of the earth who to-day are wracking their brains to humiliate us. This a problem which we must solve and that to our benefit or our injury. Which shall it be, Bryanism and hibernation or McKinleyism and advancement.

DIVIDE DITTIES

The genial face of our old neighbor, Moses Smith was seen in this vicinity Sunday.

Henry Shoening lost a valuable cow last week,—another frozen turnip "gone down the wrong way."

L. E. Sadler has traded his interest in a farm in this county to his brother, H. A. Sadler for a quarter section in Perkins county.

Jos, and Tom Daddow were driving home from Litchfield one day last week when their team became frightened on the narrow bridge south of Matthews's and shied so that the buggy went off the side. The horses ran, the buggy was badly broken and the occupants sustained severe bruises. It would seem as though the authorities saved enough on the width of that bridge to put up a railing but no railing is there.

Tuesday evening last, two men who had supposedly imbibed of Loup City's "tanglefoot" to a sufficient extent to render them gay and festive, drove through Divide with as reckless a speed as their abused and wornout team could muster, shouting and firing guns as they rolled merrily along in the direction of Litchfield.

ASHTON NEWS.

Our town was blessed with a light snow Tuesday a. m. the first of the season.

Mrs. W. C. Dunker is reported as convalescent.

Mrs. W. M. Smelser spent the latter part of the week with her sister, Mrs. D. M. Hendrickson of Farwell, was accompanied home by her husband Sunday.

Henry Hansen went to St. Paul Friday a. m. Mrs. E. G. Taylor spent Friday in Palmer. John Seabeck left Friday p. m. for Ill.

Mrs. E. L. Arthur of Loup City visited with friends here last week.

G. M. rocky of Loup City Saturday here.

Mrs. Wm. Jeffery is suffering with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. T. C. McKee of Elba was here Saturday.

Lloyd Paige left Monday for St. Paul, Neb. where he intends entering the Commercial College.

S. Lauritzen of Grand Island Sundayed in our city. Business seems to call his attention here quite frequently Sundays of late.

James Keefe, breakman on the freight, met with a sad accident here Monday p. m. while switching. He got his toes on one foot badly crushed.

Mrs. Glover, who has been spending the past two months with her daughter, Mrs. Will Baker, left for her home at Ord, Monday.

Frank Gappa, called to St. Paul, Tuesday.

W. E. Drake of the Grand Island Tombstone Co. was here Monday.

Don't forget the Masquerade ball on New Year's night!

Thompson boys are sick, hence the dance they set for Dec. 15, is postponed indefinitely.

On Friday H. Smelser had a light paralytic stroke of the head, from which he is slowly recovering.

The many friends of W. H. Brown are glad to note that he is improving, being able to walk across the room now.

A. N. Conklin shipped a car load each of cattle and hogs Wednesday noon. He accompanied the shipment in person.

Rev. L. E. Humphry was again able to be in his pulpit Sunday.

The Presbyterian S. S. will observe Xmas here, just how we have not learned as yet.

Miss Annie Kenrickson spent Monday and Tuesday with her sister Mrs. H. Smelser.

J. Slobodny of St. Paul was here looking after his business interests Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Hillebrand of St. Paul was in town

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L. C. U.

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