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OMAHA has 250 Bands of Mercy with a membership of 10,000 children, formed in 1896.

The Nebraska Beet Sugar association will have a general meeting at Hastings, Feb. 2 and 3.

Don't swear at the old year, says an exchange. Times were hard, but they might have been harder.

The breaking up of so many banks and savings institutions throughout the country is creating a demand for postal savings banks.

Two months more of Grover, and then he will retire to the wilds of New Jersey amid the "amens" and "thank Gods" of the entire American people.

Among the possibilities of new inventions is an electric ship which will cross the Atlantic in three days. It will have fourteen propellers, and will cut the ocean brine at the rate of forty knots an hour.

A cyclone demolished the small town of Mooringsport, La., on the 2nd, killing four persons and wounding twenty. The home of the magnolia is not without means to balance accounts with the northern blizzards.

The Blair Pilot has passed into the hands of L. A. Williams, who promises to keep it up to the standard of excellence attained as a newspaper, and shape its political destiny from a true republican standpoint.

The South Omaha Sun is cheering for Governor Pingree, of Michigan. Have you forgotten, John, that he is one of the men who supported McKinley in the last campaign? Can it be possible that you meant it when you said he was all right?

If the populists want a man of ability to look after the schools of Holt county why did they not elect Prof. Cross, of Atkinson, to the position? He is a populist and a man whose educational knowledge is far superior to that of the appointee.

A wild scramble for office is now on at Lincoln among the heroic patriots who shot off their mouths 16 times to 1 minute during the last campaign. These dignified champions will completely wreck the pie counter in their efforts to serve the people.

According to Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review, the failures of 1896 exceeded those of any year except 1893, the number being 14,800 against 13,197 last year, with liabilities of about \$225,000,000 against \$173,190,000 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent., and in liabilities of about 29 per cent.

Macso is again reported to be alive, although badly wounded, which is more than likely true for the reason that had he been killed in the manner stated the Spanish butchers would have made the event one of rejoicing and national thanks giving. Gen. Weyler should take to his trocha again and prepare for the worst.

It has been suggested that the numerous patriots now out of a job at Lincoln who are anxious to distinguish themselves politically should form a company and go to Cuba. There is a chance for them to earn fame and fortune by joining the insurgents, and Governor Holcomb would be relieved of the necessity of calling out the state militia to protect the pie counter.

WHAT is a trocha? After a vain search through an unabridged edition of the Congressional Globe and Kendall's Treatise on horse spavins, we were unable to locate the word, except as it appears in connection with General Weyler. Will Doc Bixby or Walt Mason throw their poet laurels upon this subject and give the result to an anxious public.

The holiday week of 1896 will pass into history unparalleled for its number of suicides all over the country. The mania had its victims in all walks of life, and there is much chance for speculation and food for reflection for those people who delight in studying the occult and psychical forces which brought desolation to so many homes.

If the people of this country had their way about it, war in Cuba would terminate in speedy freedom for that people. Grover can yet win laurels to cover the defects of his administration by dispatching a few gun boats and some soldiers to aid the Cubans in their struggle for liberty. Such an act would send the remaining days of his administration down in a blaze of glory.

The Nebraska Editor for December is a handsome number in every respect. Its menu embraces every thing from "puree a la Mason" "roasts with Merwin sauce," and omelettes, to a beautiful lot of scenes in Grand Island, advertising the next meeting of the press association in that city, Jan. 14. The Nebraska Editor, always a good thing, continues to grow better.

When the Short Line is extended westward from O'Neill to the coast and the lava in the Golden Irrigation District is being moistened by the waters of the Niobrara, O'Neill will put on metropolitan airs. What opportunities are presented for the investment of capital in this section, and it will come with the dawn of prosperity that will follow in the wake of McKinley's inauguration.

Eleven years ago this week Nebraska experienced just such a blizzard as we had Monday. The weather was exceptionally fine up to New Year's day, when it took a sudden change, and for almost two weeks the railroads were blockaded and business was at a standstill. The writer was living at Superior, and the advent of the big B. and M. snow plow enthused the people like a Short Line extension meeting.

The big show in the popocratic tent at Lincoln is now open, and if the people don't get "skinned to a finish" by the fakers who follow that circus then we will miss our guess. Not having "pie" enough to go round, the thimberlig workers will be given all possible latitude. It was a custom with big shows years ago to have a shrewd detective perched upon the ticket wagon to look out for suspicious characters and protect the public, but it would take a regiment of the national guard to stop the raid of the hungry patriots upon the state house this winter.

JOHN MORROW has been selected by the populist supervisors of Holt county as county superintendent. Personally we have nothing against him but we do not believe he is qualified to fill the position to which he has been appointed. He was a candidate for this office a few years ago and was defeated by 312 votes, running 307 behind the head of his ticket. It is evident that the citizens of Holt county did not want him to occupy this exalted position. But, as he has been a faithful hewer of stone in the populist ranks they had to reward him, even if it was done to the detriment of the public schools. Such is politics in this great party of reform and education (?)

NEXT Monday the electors in the several states, who were fortunate enough to receive a plurality or majority of the votes cast at the last election will meet at the state capitol of their respective states, and cast their votes for president. Some ardent admirer of "Billy Boy" will have an opportunity to get a pull at the public test by journeying to Washington with the vote of

Nebraska. In olden times before the advent of railroads and their modern conveniences, this was considered a very laborious task, and the position of course was not eagerly sought after. But now, when a man can board a train and enjoy nearly all the luxuries of life, the posish is a very desirable one, and we presume there will be eight candidates for the job at Lincoln.

The editor of this family delight while up at the court house Tuesday hunting for the elusive news item, dropped into one of the county offices, which is presided over by a populist. Seated around the stove were two or three populist officials and a few of the faithful followers of that party engaged in conversation. While there we heard a talk substantially as follows: "Well, Butler will soon be county attorney, and I will get him to issue a warrant for you and get you before the court." Then one of the populist officials replied: "Oh, it will be all right to get Butler to do it, for he will never be able to get it into court unless some one helps him." What a compliment for a man who is now county attorney of this county. And we believe that the man who made the above remark voted for him at the last election. What a great party this is.

The Trans-Mississippi exposition continues to grow in interest to the people of Nebraska and will continue to grow as its benefits become better known. It will be the biggest advertisement of Nebraska and the western states ever given to draw capitalists and homesekers to our borders. The following excerpt from the Omaha Bee will give an idea of the lines on which the state will profit from the exposition:

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