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What has become of Oom Paul?

Political writers never mention tariff.

Good morning. Have you seen Pat Crowe?

The Crawford Tribune is redhot for Miklejohn.

The world is 5,900 years of age, and is as lively as a kid of 2 years.

China thinks the agreement to an armistice a good New Year's resolution.

It is always well to turn over a new leaf, provided the new is better than the old.

Atkinson is struggling under the electric light strain. Az Perry is not interested.

The fellow that kept his last year resolutions is a year ahead of the other fellows.

Ross Hammond of the Fremont Tribune declines to become a colonel on Governor Deitrich's staff.

This department thinks probably it was the last century birth he will have a chance to witness.

Bryan already has enough paid-in-advance subscriptions to the Commoner to buy a printing plant.

This department believes as much in peace as anybody, but it wouldn't second a motion for the Boers to quit while they have a ghost of a show.

Matt Quay is having his biennial round up with the Pennsylvania legislature and his grip on that body relaxes none with the passing of time.

A twentieth century duty is a revision of the school books to teach American supremacy in commerce, agricultural and manufacturing industries.

"Not all is gold that glitters" think the Omaha police as the difficulties between the capture of Pat Crowe and that \$50,000 are contemplated.

If nature provides a few more "brown" winters, perhaps Chambers and Atkinson will "have trains running before snow flies" on the D., N. & C. line.

While authorities at West Point show themselves complete masters in authority in other respects, they are unable to control the cadets at hazing season.

If Omaha was as alert to capture all the thieves and crooks within her gates as she is for Pat Crowe people who go there to do business would not be touched so frequently.

The mineral output of the Black Hills region the past year is valued at \$10,500,000. South Dakota presents a threefold source of wealth in its mines, farming and cattle raising.

The Valley County Times is putting forth its best energies for F. M. Currie of Custer county for the senate. We admire the pluck of the Times, but the odds are too great, too great.

The north Nebraska editors are demanding more substantial recognition of their territory in the matter of state appointments. North Nebraska has been pretty well represented during populist administrations.

The W. C. T. U. crank that went into the Kansas barroom and smashed the mirrors and pictures should be given a chance in the halls of the senate when the canteen bill comes up.

Sioux City Journal: In his recent speech on "What Fusion Has Done for Nebraska" Gov. Poynter did not make a single reference to the showing made by the state in the recent census.

The venture of the English gentleman, Harmsworth, to make a model newspaper of the New York World is a commendable one; a better subject than the World to experiment on cannot well be found.

Says the Kansas City Journal: "Before deciding to return to Father Cleveland's bosom the democratic party will probably pause and reflect that it was Cleveland hard times that drove it Bryanism."

The fusionists have claimed all along that the increase in the state's assets was due to the administration of honest pop officials. Down in Kansas \$4,000,000 in back taxes has been paid in the past four years. Is that due to the pops?

South Sioux City Argus: The advance agent of prosperity is still a long way ahead of his show.

Listen at that. The seats at the performance are all occupied before sleepy old South Sioux City awakes to find there's a show in town.

W. H. Korn, who for three years has published one of the neatest papers in Nebraska, the News at Chadron, announces that he has sold his plant and the paper will now appear as the Chadronian under control of Prof. W. C. Phipps of Chadron Academy.

The Lincoln Arrow Head directs its shafts at D. E. Thompson, one of the strong candidates before the legislature for the senate. It also prints a picture of Mr. Thompson, which is the ugliest thing that ever appeared on paper, and warrants Thompson taking a hickory club to the man that made it.

"There," said the man with iron will as he cast a plug of Battle Ax over the fence before entering the house the night before New Years, "I've taken my last chew." The sparrows lodging in the fence corner were aroused next morning by a man bowed among the dead weeds by the roadside as if looking for something.

A cool fifty thousand is offered for the capture of the kidnapers of young Cudaby. The efforts to pluck the prize are just about as fruitful as those of the optical specialists who tried for years to pull down the million dollar inducement of New York's famous blind millionaire merchant, Charles Broadway Rouse, for restored sight.

The Alliance Times demands: "Give us a change in our assessment laws or give us death. The chaps with seeds of money or property that escape taxation or are assessed so low that it is virtually exempt have had their innings long enough. Let the legislature straighten out this matter or prepare for trouble when it turns itself loose on the community after having finished talking to the galleries." Now you'r whistling.

The Nebraska legislature convened on Tuesday. It will be a busy session and one that will record important acts in the state's history. Although the interest in the contest for the two United States senatorial togs will eclipse all else for a time it is by no means the only matter of importance to come before this session. Under the constitution it becomes the duty of the legislature to re-district the state for congressional and legislative representation. The constitution provides that such apportionments be made at the first session following the taking of the census and as the legislature of 1891 failed of its duty in this respect we are still under the apportionment of 1886. A constitutional revision is

also talked of, the old constitution of 1875 being inadequate to the present needs of the state. The revenue laws will come in for revision and the corporation laws will be strengthened. Withal, the legislators will be kept busy.

Ever and anon the Omaha World-Herald, from which the fusion press of Nebraska draws inspirations, comes out with flaming head lines depicting the expansion and prosperity of Omaha's business. In a splendid New Year's edition reviewing Omaha's past condition and future prospects the World-Herald starts out by saying: "Omaha, during the year just closed, forged ahead of all previous records in the jobbing and manufacturing interests, and begins the new year with the brightest prospects." A comparison of the statistical statements of the World-Herald of today and the editorial statements of the same paper when trying to show why Mr. Bryan should be elected president is calculated to disturb the faith of the reader in the World-Herald's reliability as a political guide post.

While the literary men are devoting pages to the past century in scholarly reviews of the progress made in a brief hundred years of American life, questions arise from a retrospective view that challenge the thought that all has been progress. It may rightly be questioned if the progress in art, manufacture and material wealth has been accompanied by a corresponding progress in manly and womanly virtues—with higher and graver thoughts of life and a firmer grasp of the eternal principles of love, truth and justice. Looking out upon the world today the most optimistic observer cannot fail to see that a mighty tide of evil overruns the land; crime is common and has ceased to be a horror; indecencies are but incidents even in the social strata that professes to be above the low and vulgar; greed of gold is in the breasts of all classes and weeds of worldliness have grown up in the hearts of those professing godliness; appetite and passion are consuming the moral and physical powers of men and women and children are educated to love the companions and influences of the street more than the home. The nations of earth are arraying for battle and the twentieth century dawns on a scene that threatens to carry the European and Asiatic countries back to the dark days of the middle centuries. Yet not all is night at the beginning of another century. There are brave and true hearts, strong hands and clear heads in the world yet—men and women who grasp the real importance of life and are expending their energies to point their fellowmen to that which makes for real progress, truth and righteousness in the human heart.

### Trade With Territories.

With the amount for December estimated, our export trade for the year with Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and Samoa is represented by the sum of fifty millions of dollars, says the Albany Journal. Last year the total value of our exports to those islands was little more than forty one and one half millions; in 1898 it was little more than nineteen millions and 1897 it was a little less than seventeen millions. It will be seen that in three years our trade with these islands alone has nearly trebled, and between this country and the Philippines there is but the beginning of commercial intercourse.

In view of the partisan criticism that was heaped upon the government when a law was enacted providing a small tariff upon some articles passing between the United States and Porto Rico, the figures showing the volume of our trade with Porto Rico since and before the passage of that law are particularly interesting and gratifying. In 1897 our exports to Porto Rico amounted to \$2,023,751; in 1898 they fell to \$1,404,004, because of the war; in 1899 there value was \$3,677,564; in this year, during about half of which the low tariff law has been in force, they will

amount to about five and one-half millions.

Our exports to the Philippines have been double the amount for 1899, and tentimes the amount for any previous year.

In all these islands, and especially the Philippines, there is ample room for the development of markets for both our agricultural and manufactured products. The demand for our goods will grow steadily as the people of our new territories become better acquainted with us. Our foreign commerce will expand steadily for years. To supply the increased demand from abroad for our goods, American farmers and mechanics and employes of transportation companies will be kept busy. The money of other nations will flow steadily into the country in far greater volume than it will flow out again. Can anyone doubt that our prosperity has come to stay?

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Human News: The M. E. people in addition to paying off the church debt of \$500 on the Iuman church, have the lack of a house for the pastor been compelled to build a parsonage which is nearly completed.

Chambers Bugle: Chambers had a severe loss last Friday morning at 5 o'clock in the burning of the creamery from an accident. Some coal which was thrown on some slack heated and began burning the wood work. In a short time the entire building was burnt to the ground. No insurance. There is a probability that the Norfolk creamery company will rebuild with the least possible delay.

Ewing Advocate: Jos. Bonnarens went to O'Neill Wednesday to make final proof on a choice quarter of Holt county land.... The case of Tom Brown who is suing John Carr for a road through the latter's place, came up in the district court yesterday and was dismissed at Brown's cost. W. E. Wunder, T. D. Seivers, Nels Bergstrom, E. Roy Townsend and James Boice were witnesses on the case.... Married—At the home of the bride on Christmas day, Miss Dora Hunt of Page to Mr. Roy Townsend of Stafford. The bride was formerly a teacher in the Ewing schools and many warm friends extend to her best wishes. The groom is Holt county's foremost bridge contractor and builder and has a large and favorable acquaintance all over the county. A large circle of friends extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, who will be at home to their friends at Stafford.

Atkinson Plain Dealer: We are informed that the Atkinson Milling, Grain & Stock company have fully decided to put in an electric plant just as soon as possible and will start with two hundred lights.... The postoffice building has been repaired, painted and papered and on January 1st becomes a third class office, not on account of the repairs, but but on account of the increase during the last year. It is now to become a salaried office instead of a cancellation office, and Col. Jonson, our postmaster, is to be congratulated. "General Prosperity" seems to have struck this postoffice as well as other business houses in town.... Young Fuller, from southwest of town, was brought in this morning and installed at the New Park hotel and Dr. Backburn summoned. About twelve o'clock last night his horse had fallen with him, braking both bones of his right leg about midway between the ankle and knee. The injured limb was set by the doctor and the patient seems to be doing well. The young man has been working for the gentleman who purchased the Milton Doolittle ranch last spring and is about twenty years of age.

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