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The Kearney Hub is booming Roosevelt and Funston for the national republican ticket of 1904.

Chicago people are evidently proud of their Sodomite characteristics. The notorious Harrison has been re-elected mayor.

The choice of senators gives pretty general satisfaction. Republicans speak in glowing terms of the senators, while populists and democrats have nothing to say.

Aginaldo has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States and is expatiating his sins again the government by doing his best to subdue all the tribal chieftains.

D. E. Thompson is spoken of as minister to Mexico. That is better if not so "honorable" as United States senator. The pay is double and the work half that of senator. Mr. Rosewater might be sent to Venezuela.

Governor Deitrich has changed his mind about remaining in the gubernatorial chair until fall and will retire the 15th of the present month. Lieutenant Governor. Savage, who becomes governor, has showed himself a man of executive ability as president of the senate and the governor's office will suffer none from his hands.

Kearney Hub: A Lincoln dispatch remarks that Geo. D. Meiklejohn is in line for any one of a number of good things, with a good position in one of the new island possessions if he chooses, or a fine managerial position with a large private company in Mexico. Mr. Meiklejohn made a good race for the senatorship and quit the contest with many friends. The Hub and all republicans should be pleased to know of his success in lines political or personal.

### Our Advancing Trade.

When a party paper speaks people naturally look for coloring of the subject to benefit one political side to the detriment of the other. However, no such motive can be attached to a purely scientific and commercial journal. Therefore the following from the Scientific American is not political clutter but information of value:

Although the recent increase in the exports of iron and steel manufactures from the United States has been simply phenomenal, there is at present no sign of falling off of the rate of increase. An analysis of the February export figures shows that for the eight months ending with February, 1901, the total export is six and a half millions greater than the truly phenomenal figure of last year, and nearly three times the total for the eight months ending with February, 1891, which means an increase of 10 per cent in a single year, and 333 per cent in the decade. In the eight months ending with February, 1901, iron and steel formed 3 per cent of the total domestic exports, whereas in the eight months just ended they formed 7 per cent. These total figures particularly gratifying when it is known that the exports cover a great diversity of products, thus proving not only that our manufacturers are rapidly increasing their output, but that they are each year fabricating a large proportion of the product, and thereby securing for themselves and for the labor employed the greater share of the profits arising from such manufacture. Thus, ten years ago, such articles as typewriters, cash registers, pumping machinery, electrical machinery, and other articles requiring a high degree of manufacture, had no place in the export schedules of the United States; whereas now they constitute an important part of our annual exportations of iron and steel, and are steadily

ily increasing both in volume and in the number of foreign markets in which they find profitable sales. To take a single instance, we may quote electrical machinery, in which in 1891 no exports whatever were recorded; while in 1900 the figures for the transactions of two-thirds of the year had reached about \$2,500,000. For a similar period in the present year they had risen to over \$3,500,000. Another gratifying feature is the fact that the area of distribution steadily and rapidly enlarges. Exports which formerly went only to the principal countries of Europe are now shipped to China, Japan, Australia, Africa, and the islands of the South Sea, where such articles as sewing machines and typewriters find a market in the most distant islands.

### U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C., April 6, 1901.—The Division of Forestry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has decided to make thorough examination, during the coming summer, of tree growth in the State of Nebraska. The object of this examination is to determine if forest production on a large scale is possible in this region. Throughout the greater part of Nebraska there is but a sparse timber growth, while portions of the State are practically treeless. From the results of the proposed investigations the Division of Forestry hopes to devise means for improving and extending the present forest growth, and, in the case of the treeless regions, to formulate a plan of tree planting whereby the waste lands may be reclaimed. The best methods of tree culture will be considered and a careful study will be made of climate, soil, and the natural enemies of trees in this region.

For several years past the Division of Forestry, through its Section of Tree Planting, has been investigating the forest growth in several of the Middle Western States. The agents selected for the work to be done in Nebraska this summer are men who have a practical knowledge of the existing conditions, and are well fitted for the task of making an exhaustive study of the region. The results obtained from this tour of investigation will be of value to several of the neighboring States, for in Kansas, South Dakota, and portions of Eastern Colorado, and Wyoming much the same conditions exist.

The valley of the Platte River, from Plattsmouth to Kearney, and the entire western half of the State, will constitute the field of investigation. About May 1, two representatives of the Division will begin work at Plattsmouth and go up the river examining and classifying the growth of trees. Especial attention will be paid to the distribution of species, and to all efforts to cultivate considerable bodies of timber. In the investigation of tree-planting experiments the failures as well as the successes will be noted, for it is desirable to obtain all possible information on the subject.

It is expected that Kearney will be reached before July 1. At this point the party will be increased to six members and will be equipped with a complete camp outfit and saddle horses. The following four months will be spent in work that will practically cover the western half of the State. The line of travel will be from Kearney to the western boundary of the State, along the Platte, thence northeast to Crawford, and then in a general southeasterly direction through the sand hills, and down the Middle Loup River to Loup City.

A wide strip of territory can be studied on each side of the route, as the party will be mounted, and particular attention is to be given to the distribution and reproduction of the Yellow Pine. Nebraska is the meeting ground of the plains and mountain floras, and for this reason much valuable and interesting information is likely to be obtained. Cooperation by the people along the route to be taken by the Government party will greatly facilitate the work.

The Division of Forestry has received sufficient encouragement from work already done in Nebraska to warrant the thorough examination

that is to be made this summer. The fact that many tree growers in the State are already realizing substantial profits from planted timber is noteworthy. A number of men who have had wide experience in dealing with the problem of forestry in Nebraska have written to the Division of Forestry stating that there is no doubt in their minds of the possibility of increasing the present scant growth of trees, and agreeing that even the sand hills can be forested. Among these who have expressed such an opinion are Ex-Secretary of Agriculture, J. Sterling Morton; Prof. Charles E. Bessey, of the University of Nebraska; C. S. Harrison, President of the Nebraska Park and Forest Association; and E. F. Stephens.

The rapid spread of interest in forestry will soon bring landowners to realize that timber may be considered as truly an agricultural crop as wheat or corn. With the Division of Forestry investigating the best methods of tree culture and offering its advice and assistance to landowners interested in tree planting, there is reason to believe that in the near future much headway will be made in bringing about a reasonable forest growth on lands now almost treeless.

The work outlined by the Division, looking to the improvement of Nebraska forest, should attract general attention, considering that throughout this region forest products are in constant demand, commanding high prices and presenting a profitable field for the investment of capital. Improved forest conditions in Nebraska would mean cheaper fuel, a beneficial influence on local climate, with a consequent increase in the value of land.

## COUNTY NEWS

### McCaffrey Items.

Since the heavy rains of two weeks since the whole valley is under water. Dry creek has overflowed its banks and traffic is impossible.

Joe Gapter spent Sunday at Lambertson's place.

Will Morgan spent a few days visiting friends the last of the week at O'Neill.

John Harmon and another gentleman passed through the valley Saturday enroute for the Blankiron ranch.

Miss Belle Martin and Mrs. McCaffrey took in the sights of O'Neill Saturday and Sunday.

Em Roy Sundayed in Garfield county.

Pat O'Donnell of O'Neill visited in this vicinity Saturday.

Andy and John Morgan had business in Western Holt the last of the week.

Miss Kate McCaffrey after a week's visit in town has returned to her home.

After a rest of a couple of weeks the McCaffrey and Morgan baling gang has resumed their work.

### Léonia Linnings.

Hiram Hodgkin marketed hogs last week.

Chris Heckel is going to Omaha soon to work in a hotel.

Clifford Thompson has purchased a new top-buggy. Of course, all know the motive which prompts young men to buy buggies, we therefore await developments.

Charley Spengler has rented E. F. Roberts' place.

The Misses May and Esther Hanson have gone to Neligh to attend school.

John Hoyer jr., is building a new house on his brother Jim's place.

Jessie Bedford closed a very successful term of school in the Hull district last Friday and begun a spring term in the Peter Greeley district Monday. Her sister, Della, also began a spring term in the Otto Nelson district the same day.

The gramophone entertainment given at the Presbyterian church April 1 by Rev. Sharpless was well attended.

The Free Baptist church will hold its quarterly meetings at the Mar-

quette chapel beginning Friday evening and continuing over Sunday. Twins.

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### Ewing Advocate:

Lieutenant Hall was down from O'Neill yesterday visiting with the boys of Company M and incidentally talking water works. Mr. Hall has had lots of experience in this class of work and is competent to talk upon it from a practical standpoint.

Chambers Bugle: Married, at the home of the bride's parents on April 3, 1901, at high noon, Daniel H. Merritt of Lincoln, Neb., to Miss Hattie LaRue, Rev. Shaffer officiating. The groom was, for several years, a resident of Bliss, Neb., where he owns a fine tract of land and has the highest esteem of his neighbors. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James LaRue and is a young lady of rare accomplishments. She has a large circle of friends, all of whom join with us in wishing the happy couple a pleasant voyage across the ocean of life. They started to Lincoln this morning which will be their future home.

### Atkinson Plan Dealer:

L. M. Smith, John W. Tulk and their families of Green Valley township started for the Alberta country last Monday noon. We are sorry to lose these highly respected citizens from Holt county but we wish them luck in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Johnson left Saturday morning for Alliance, Ohio, where on May 1 they celebrate their golden wedding. A brother of the colonel's celebrated his golden wedding April 3, at the same place where their father had celebrated his golden wedding. Miss Stella Potter accompanied them as far as Warren, Ohio.

### The Increase of Cities.

A comparison of the roll of cities now with that at the time of our first census, in 1790, discloses some strange mutations of fortune. In 1790 the fourth city in the United States was Charleston, S. C., now the sixty-sixth. The seventh was Salem, Mass., now the one-hundred-and-tenth. There were only six cities of over 8,000 inhabitants; not even a village west of the Alleghenies had a place on the census roll, and even in the east there was no Jersey City, Newark or Washington.—Saturday Evening Post.

### Big Product of Mohair.

It is estimated that there are about 400,000 Angora goats in the United States and that our annual production of mohair is about 1,000,000 pounds. Although very little has been said or written about Angora goats during the last forty years, they have been extensively bred in the western states and territories, especially in Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, Florida, California and Oregon.

### Congressman's Baseball Marks.

Congressman Wadsworth's hands are battered out of shape nearly as much as were those of the late "Silver" Flint and from the same cause. The New York man was in his day a crack baseball player and at one time held down first base in the Yale nine. He has a son who filled the same position for Yale and was as good a player as his father.

### Auriferous Bearings in Siberia.

The marquis of Queensbury, Prof. Holloway, the well-known geologist of Cardiff, and Prof. Trutsway, engineer expert of Canada, are about to examine the Siberian gold mines of Schilka and Yeltoukha, belonging to the emperor of Russia, which a London syndicate, with a capital of £1,000,000, is to farm. These auriferous bearings cover an area of 8,000 square miles.

### Aluminum a Useful Metal.

The use of aluminum is growing and its price is decreasing. With the exception of iron, zinc and lead, it is now said to be the cheapest metal on the market. Twenty years ago the world's output was about five tons and its price about \$30,000 a ton. Now the price is less than \$700 a ton and the output is reckoned at 5,000 tons.

### Italy's King Collects Coins.

The present king of Italy is an enthusiastic collector of coins. When he was prince of Naples and had more time to himself, this coin-collecting was one of his chief hobbies, and not even the cares of kingship have made him give it up. His collection is one of the finest in the world, but it is limited to one country—Italy.

### Fragments of Will Put Together.

Tearing up a will is supposed to revoke it, but a Brooklyn woman after tearing up her will placed the shreds in an envelope on which she wrote, "This will is all here." The fragments were pasted together and the will was probated in regular form.

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