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Happy New Year to each and all. If you have not already sworn off, now is the time.

The most experienced letter writer will be excused for writing it 1888 by mistake for a few days to come.

The year 1888 has been a record-breaker for Omaha in nearly every respect. But that should only goad us on to still greater achievements for 1889.

Embassadors and other criminals will now be compelled to hunt another house of refuge, for Brazil has ratified an extradition treaty with the United States.

The best New Year's greeting is the wish that for Omaha, Nebraska and the west the coming year may prove even more prosperous than the one just closed.

The railroads will, as usual, swear off on issuing free passes except to legislators and other officials who may be expected to return an equivalent out of the public pocketbook.

Now is the time to get into the Omaha band wagon. It will be a gay party and will cut a fast pace during the year, and no foot passenger need expect to keep up with the procession.

If the Philippines are fit to become full-fledged American citizens they ought to be able to govern themselves without the aid or consent of the United States or any other foreign military power.

A Princeton professor is going to Patagonia in search of fossils. Why go so far when every community in this country would willingly supply the professor with specimens for a fine collection?

Amidst all the talk and controversy over the selection of a new senator by the incoming legislature one thing stands undisputed—the next senator from Nebraska will be a republican.

The daily sales of Nebraska farm lands at enhanced prices in every county in the state are the best answers to those who say the Transmississippi Exposition was of no benefit to any one outside of Omaha.

From the list of toasts prepared for the democratic blowout on St. Jackson's day one might easily be brought to labor under the delusion that the democrats had found something in the late election to jubilate over.

Those who are busy incubating revenue laws to submit to the legislature had better put some identification marks on them or they may not be able to recognize their offspring when the legislature gets through with them.

The Anglo-American combinationists seem to forget that Uncle Sam's partnership with two European monarchies in the administration of Samoa has not furnished experiences that make permanent alliance with other powers appear a prize to be sought after.

The police officers and police judge should not fail to make good resolutions with the new year and make an effort to get together. The energies of both can better be devoted to suppressing the criminal elements than to devoting their time to whipsawing each other.

Rev. Sam Small, who now wears a blue coat with brass buttons, asserts that chaplains in the army are of no practical value except as ornaments. The public will agree with him that at least some preachers as chaplains would be of no particular value, and neither would they be ornamental.

The government, composed of one American, in the island of Guam does not appear to be much more stable than the South American variety. Such troubles must be expected in all Spanish-speaking possessions unless military and naval forces are kept constantly ready to suppress them. It is just as natural for a shattered stomach to revolt against a hearty meal.

THE NEW YEAR. The first suggestion in connection with the coming of a new year is that it is a time for "turning over a new leaf." It is true as to nearly everybody that some reform and improvement can be made in their habits and their course of life and this is as good an occasion as any to make it.

In the great world of business the beginning of a new year is important. It brings with it settlements, reorganizations, the forming of new partnerships, the starting of new enterprises, the making of plans for the ensuing twelve months.

A GRATIFYING EXHIBIT. The exhibit of the commercial and industrial growth of Omaha during the year which has just closed, embodied in the facts and figures presented by The Bee's annual business review, affords gratifying proof of substantial progress and prosperity.

The most reliable index of Omaha's commercial activity may be found in the comparative clearing house statistics, which show that the bank clearings for 1888 aggregate in round numbers \$319,000,000, as against \$243,000,000 for the preceding year, an increase of \$76,000,000, or 24 per cent, or an average of \$1,400,000 a week.

With the expansion of Omaha's trade has come the extension of its railroad facilities. The completion and opening of the Port Arthur route to the Gulf is about to be followed by the extension of the Illinois Central, which assures for Omaha another trunk line to the lakes and an outlet to the seaboard.

OUR MENACED SUGAR INDUSTRY. Those who are interested in the development of the American sugar industry are fully alive to the fact that the industry is seriously menaced by the policy of territorial expansion.

THE FUTURE OF THE CATTLE INDUSTRY. The question whether the present era of prosperity for the cattle raiser is to continue is attracting much attention and provoking considerable discussion among those who have capital invested in it.

ment of an organ of expansion that sugar production in the Philippines could be very largely increased, this being presented as one reason why the United States should retain possession of the islands.

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will require several years to increase the numbers by process of breeding up to the point of certain supply for every demand and a consequent prolonged period of high prices.

Another element maintains that the apparent decrease in numbers of cattle is more apparent than real and that while there is no shortage there is a fair, normal supply.

Strangely enough advocates of both theories arrive at the same conclusion. While differing as to the causes, all agree that there is an assurance of at least good prices for the cattle raiser for some years to come.

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a girde 'round the earth which may be realized, or at least proved feasible before the expiration of the waning century.

Corn a Versatile Plant. It is said that an excellent quality of India rubber is possible as a by-product of the manufacture of glucose from Indian corn.

Progress in Telegraphy. Philadelphia Ledger. Although many years have elapsed since the duplex and quadruplex improvements in the original Morse system of telegraphy were introduced, and although a great many plans for increasing the number of messages on a single wire have been announced in the interval, the "quad" is still the only multiplying instrument in general use.

How a Trust Holds Up the Newspapers of the Country. Chicago Tribune. The Anglo-American joint high commission is considering, among different questions, that of freer commercial intercourse between the United States and Canada.

The duty on wood pulp produces a revenue of less than \$50,000 a year. The only effect of its retention is to deny American access to the boundless forests of Canada and to accelerate the destruction of the American woods.

The proposed establishment of a chair for a professor of brewing in an English university is mistakenly referred to as a new thing in higher education. Such chairs are common in American brewing universities, and are utilized by the professors in spreading themselves.

AMERICAN RAILS EVERYWHERE. Remarkable Foreign Demand for Steel Products. Chicago Times-Herald. In the remarkable story of the country's trade which was told in recent dispatches particular stress was laid upon the tremendous gains in the iron and steel business.

Descendant of the Clan O'Connell Reborn. At a fair held in Philadelphia recently there was displayed a quantity of earth said to be a section of "the Ould Sod."

A POETIC KICK. In the old days when Erin our mother, Bore scholars and warriors brave, You formed not the grass of her valleys, No patriot in you found a grave.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Minneapolis Journal: A Missouri editor who was requested to advertise a church sale of cake in his town, made a typographical error and announced a "Grand Peace Sale."

BLASTS FROM HAM'S HORN. A good deed never dies. Cultivate the field of life clear up to the corners. Don't be misled by your circumstances: The man who lives for self is not missed when he dies.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Swear off on swearing off. Good resolutions are honored only in the observance. Those who today turn over new leaves rarely expect them to bloom in the spring.

NEW YEAR'S RUMINATION. Again we rise to greet the glad New Year Among the blessings holy peace reigns; We lose from sight the prairies brown and red, And find in life the solace we have sought.

A Happy New Year and a prosperous one, to everybody, is our wish today. May misfortune follow but never overtake you. Let us thank you one and all for your kind treatment and generous patronage in the past year.

For they fall—and they alone—who have never tried good treatment. Honest values—your money's worth—or your money back—is our motto.

Tomorrow we are closed ALL DAY. But Tuesday morning, bright and early, we will be ready to receive our friends and commence the new year right.

Come and see us BROWNING KING & CO. 1000 Broadway, New York.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES. Harlem Life: He—You seem to be happy. Anything on hand? She—Don't you see that ring?

Chicago Tribune: "Isn't this a gallus old necktie," I've got to wear it, I suppose. My wife gave it to me as a Christmas present.

Chicago Record: He—What makes you so pert? She—I've just been wondering if you will love the girl who wears it. He—Oh, you mean the use of borrowing trouble? You've always had weak lungs and you may never get 'em, you know.

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