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Congress will probably be called to meet in extra session immediately after the 4th of March. The news from South Africa would lead one to believe that the Boers have taken new heart since the advent of King Edward.

The entire wheat belt of the United States is now covered with snow. The value of the storm to this particular crop is unestimable. Another apportionment bill was introduced this week.

As yet there has been no action taken by the state legislature in regard to fish and game. The game bills will arouse a very decided interest and perhaps a warm contest when considered.

The people of the state are getting heartily sick of the senatorial scramble at Lincoln. The politicians and candidates seem to have complete control of the situation.

PICKED UP FRESH

Being religious and howling religion are two very different things. Don't expect a man to take water when you ask him to have something.

A kiss bears the same relation to a good bye that a notary's seal does to a deed. Most people don't care whether a photograph resembles them or not.

Few women are satisfied with nature's handiwork and as a consequence toilet preparations are in demand. Women can't, as a rule, pass a millinery store without looking in.

Eggs are worth one dollar apiece in Alaska. Here is a chance for the Nebraska hen who is not satisfied with this country. A man down in Kansas advertises to trade a guitar for a baby buggy.

It was an all wise Providence that created woman after everything else had been finished, otherwise she would have wanted to boss the job. When a lot of women get together very often the subject of conversation is whether some other woman knows how her husband is acting.

A woman can get some kind of an idea how pleasant a voice her husband has if she talks to him over the telephone and disguises her own voice. Men who are always waiting for something to turn up are of very little use in this world.

Only two arrests have been made here for violation of the game laws so far. One had been shooting craps and the other had caught a sucker during the closed season. We are willing to bet at the odd of three to one that the fellow who wrote the verses about beautiful snow didn't have any sidewalk in front of his residence to shovel off.

A woman might just as well plant pumpkin seeds and expect to raise watermelons, as to expect to make a loveable husband at the point of a potato masher, or keeping him at home nights by tongue lashing him. A man here who is always ready to snap up a bargain whether he can use it or not, was recently induced, through a small want advertisement to send a dollar to a New York firm for a fire escape.

There is a man in Belleville who has proposed to a girl once a week for the last two years. He says he is going to keep it up until she says "no" and then he is going to quit her. He is afraid to quit for fear of a breach of promise suit.

The heroine in a love story asks her lover to kiss her with his eyes. It is a matter of conjecture whether he had been smoking cigarettes and drinking beer, or whether she had been eating onions or reading those microby kiss stories, that such an unusual proceeding should be desired.

Last week a delinquent told us he would pay up this week if he lived. He is dead. Another said he would see us tomorrow. He's gone blind. Still another said, "I'll pay you this week or go to the devil." He's gone. The rest had better take warning from these procrastinators and pay up.

Mrs. Carrie Nation seems to be making a d-nation big smash in her part of the country. Anyway, she wins more honor than the hypocrites who shout for prohibition at home and go to a big city when they want a big spree.

A certain woman has just tumbled to a scheme to get her husband who stays out late at night, home earlier. The other evening when he came home she went quietly to the door and whispered through the key hole, "Is that you, Charlie?" His name wasn't Charlie and being of a rather jealous disposition he is now staying home evenings waiting for Charlie to show up.

We would like to know why the devil is always pictured as a man with cow-horns, spiked tail, horns and a three tined spear, and an angel is pictured as a woman with blond hair, wings, harp, and had half a bolt of white muslin wrapped around her.

The other morning one of our sporty boys was considerably taken back. He was evidently dreaming of some-

thing that had happened some time previous. His good wife had called him three or four times for breakfast but not a move had he made. Finally she became impatient and going to the room said "I've called you four times, and—" But she got no farther. The weary sleeper moved uneasily in his bed, remarked "That's good, I've got a bob-tail," and commenced to snore again.

As we have had several requests to print the market reports of this locality we give you the weeks report which will probably answer for some time and will apply the world over: Young men: unsteady; dudes, slightly off; girls, lively, in demand; coffee, considerably mixed; fresh fish active and slippery; wheat, a grain better than barley; eggs, quiet now but will probably open in a few days; whiskey, steadily going down; onions, strong and rising; bread stuffs heavy; boots and shoes, steadily going up and down; hats and caps not as high as last fall; tobacco slow, with a downward tendency; money, close, but not close enough to get hold of; game, unsteady, market flooded; feathers, light and going up; iron, firm; butter, strong; opium, a drug on the market; advice, good, no demand.

ALMOST FORGOTTEN.

Incidents of Every Day Life Which Very Few People Stop to Think About on Account of Their Littleness.

The poet who wanted to write on "snow, beautiful snow" Sunday did not lack for plenty of the pure article to get his ideas started. The man who forgot to bring in the coal and kindling on Saturday night didn't feel like writing poetry. Talking of snow you will now hear the crop prognosticator crank say that the crop is assured and give you dates to show for it.

In dealing with the cigarette question the present legislature has made a wonderfully good start and it is to be hoped that it will come out as well at the finish. A bill has been introduced requiring the man who deals in cigarettes or cigarette paper to pay a license of three hundred dollars before handling the goods.

WE WANT AN ONCE.—A reliable man to look after our interests in Webster and the adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Special inducements to offer to the right party.—LINCOLN OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

CATARRH. Catarrh has become such a common disease that a person entirely free from this disgusting complaint is seldom met with. It is customary to speak of Catarrh as nothing more serious than a bad cold, a simple inflammation of the nose and throat.

Low Rates, West and Northwest. At a time of year when thousands will take advantage of them, the Burlington Route makes sweeping reductions in its rates to the West and Northwest.

To all points on the Northern Pacific Ry. west of Missoula, including Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, as well as Vancouver, and Victoria, B. C.

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Your Grandfather may have succeeded in business without using newspaper space, but its "dollars to doughnuts" he was progressive enough to use every advantage he knew to push his business. Publishers' Advertising Agency, David City, Nebraska.

CONFIDENCE HELPS TO CURE. ONE reason Mrs. Pinkham's treatment helps women so promptly is that they have confidence in her. CATARRH. Mrs. T. A. Williams, a leading dry-goods merchant of Spartanburg, S. C., writes: "For years I had a severe case of nasal Catarrh, with all the disagreeable effects which belong to that disease, and which make life painful and unendurable."