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Congress is opened. It doesn't take much more to open congress, however than it does a jack pot. A few more jacks is all.—Campbell Citizen.

Only a few more days left in which to fulfill those good resolutions which you made last January. Get busy and work over time or the goblins'll get you.

The recent heavy snow which brought ordinary traffic to a stand still, gave a few people the pleasure of a sleigh ride. This innocent pastime is seldom indulged in around here.

But speaking of snow everyone with any prophetic powers what ever is predicating a magnificent harvest next year. Never before in the history of Nebraska has the soil been so saturated with moisture as at present. Already the next year's crop can be seen which gives promise of a record breaker.

Nebraska has upwards of 90 lady county superintendents of schools, and if all reports be true, educational methods and tactics are not on the wane in the state, either. Webster county, in the personage of Miss Mabel Day, probably has one of the most talented and efficient ladies in the State at the head of its schools.—Tamura, Lyre.

The Blue Hill Leader has added a Farmer department to its columns and invites all farmers to take a hand and make it go. We have always entertained the belief that a county paper should give matters of special interest to the subscribers on the farm but we questioned our ability to maintain a department of that character week after week, hence we have retrained. We trust that the new department in the Leader will meet with instant success which will be possible if the farmers themselves take advantage of the opportunity and use the columns. It will afford a wider exchange of ideas which will undoubtedly prove beneficial.

The Argus has pointed out the bad condition of the roads in east Red Cloud and presents the suggestion of M. B. Corner for mayor. There is no question about the roads being bad and there is no question but what there has been negligence displayed by officials in charge and there is no question but what Mr. Corner would make an excellent mayor but—to make the development of one portion of the city an issue in a mayoralty campaign in preposterous. City officials represent the entire city and have no right to discriminate between section. Let us have no north, no south, no east, no west. But there it is a disgrace to ask the good people of Guide Rock to leave their excellent roads and be compelled to flounder thru such a quagmire that leads to Red Cloud.

Law enforcement is first and primarily the sworn duty of every one elected to official position—especially those chosen to executive office—and secondly and incidentally the duty of all good and law-abiding citizens. It is admitted by observant and sympathetic people that one of the weak lines in our government is the failure of faithful, just and courageous enforcement of our laws by those elected and paid to perform that duty. This truth holds good in all departments and degrees of government. It is an open question whether this country needs more laws or more honest, earnest and effective enforcement and administration of its present laws. Officials are easily swerved from their

duty by fear of loss of business or other equally trivial considerations—hence it should be the part of wisdom for the people to nominate and elect those with sufficient stamina and principle to do their duty. And this reminds us that the greatest difficulty is not to enforce the law, but to overcome the reluctance and disinclination and often the refusal of the executive to do this duty.—McCook Tribune.

The farmers who are too poor to buy a pair of warm blankets for his team, with hogs at \$7 and milk at \$1.50 a hundred, ought to try doing the chores in a union suit and see how he likes it. The man who will allow a faithful team to stand for hours in the teeth of a bitter wind, while he hugs the grocery store stove and settles the tariff question, has a disposition which would make a hyena turn green with envy. We have seen men who had plenty of time in which to gabble about Joe Cannon and the steel schedule, but who were too busy to slip a couple of blankets on a shivering team. If there is a hell the man who allows his team to freeze to the pavement on a winter's night will be called upon to do a jig at the tail of a toasting fork that will last 150,000 years.—Alma Record

**Hookworm Licked To a Standstill.**  
 One year ago coming Saturday we became a full fledged editor—that is to say we were introduced to the mysteries of washing the forms, feeding the press and furnishing the money to pay the ever increasing paper bills. During this time, while not engaged in doing the chores, we have been busy about 18 hours per day making friends for the Chief and the Lord knows she was in need of them. We think we have done a pretty good job at the latter and our subscription books will bear us out in this statement. This is about the hardest year's work we ever encountered. While we have sent a wave of reform sweeping over the country with tremendous trials; nor have we convinced everyone in Webster County that Dorwin's theory was correct, yet we are satisfied with our gait. We have kept out of the Cook-Peary controversy; sidestepped the sugar trust scandal; turned our backs on the home knockers and licked the hookworm to a standstill. Seriously, we are pleased at the way we have succeeded. This has been made possible only by the help of our friends and you guess right when we say that through you—friends of the Chief—we have reached this point. We have endeavored to give you a paper that you could appreciate. How well we have succeeded is for you to say. This year is only a starter. We are now getting our bearings and the coming weeks has many changes in store for the betterment of the paper. We wish to thank all our good friends for their kind interest in us during the past year and trust that our relations in the future will be pleasant and profitable to all.  
 Respectfully,  
 C. B. HALE,  
 Editor.

**A Charming Lecture Free**

At the Court House, Wednesday eve, Dec. 22, a charming treat is in store for those who would like to hear a fascinating description of the beautiful Gulf Coast country which they are all talking about these days. Col. J. G. Maher of Lincoln and H. C. Richmond of Omaha will speak for a colony of Nebraska's comprising leading citizens from nearly every city in the state, and will offer to all who wish to invest, a fine fruit farm on the Gulf Coast of Texas for \$210, payable at \$10 per month. Col. Maher is president of the company, composed wholly of Nebraska men, and Mr. Richmond was formerly a well known editor of Red Cloud. These gentlemen have letters from the governor, members of the supreme court and leading business and professional men of the state who commend their proposition as an investment that cannot fail to be safe, honest and profitable. The lecture is said to be full of interesting details, well worth the while of anyone who wants to know. It is instructive, entertaining and full of valuable information. Ladies are Welcome.

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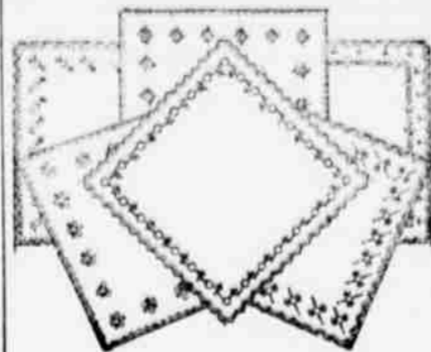
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