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CURRENT REMARK.

The promptness with which the late storm was on hand seems to indicate that some weather predictor has got in "solid" with the weather authorities. If this is the case we may expect a reform in weather reports.

The fame and notoriety gained by certain members of the city government in the late Law and Order League troubles is a striking example of the use to which the proficiency gained in student squabbles may be put.

Our friend, Rev. Bitler, seems to be holding his own in Omaha, and we wish to predict that if the Lincoln people stay by him he will be eminently successful. There is a good deal of push about Lincolnites everywhere and they make a religious meeting boom as well as anything else that they take hold of in earnest.

The efforts made by our prohibition friends to carry the municipal elections indicate that they have strong hopes of success. From our observation of the tone of the Nebraska press we think that the sentiment in favor of prohibition is undoubtedly growing. We watch with full confidence that a wise adjustment of this problem will be reached.

We consider the movement which has been taken by the students towards an athletic organization opportune. The athletic spirit lacks encouragement and the fact of an organization will be a stimulus to induce the government of the University to give a gymnasium next year. Those who have entered into the matter should not let it flag. Students cannot hope to become professional athletes and remain students but they may very frequently attain a fair degree of physical skill.

Lincoln has a base ball nine! Professionals too; and of the first water, so claimed. With a pitcher who can throw any kind of a curve, and a catcher who can catch the pitcher, and a variety of knowing fellows scattered over the field Lincoln bids fair to really be the leading city of the state. The new club shows up in grand shape along side of an amateur nine. We wait with fear and trembling to see what they can do with players of like pretensions with themselves. Base ball is a noble game, especially when played by professionals. What would life be without it?

Arbor Day is coming to be one of the pleasantest as well as most practical holidays throughout the country. Nearly all of the western states and some eastern ones celebrate this day. We of Nebraska ought to observe it if any one does, because it was originated by a Nebraska man. (Every paper in the state heralds this to the world every year and we take up the cry.) Then the custom is very beneficial in a state where trees are so scarce as they are here. Let us improve it while we can for in a few years the essential part of the day will be forgotten and it will be celebrated as a day in which to have a

rest or a picnic where one can get the benefit of the new spring outs.

The use of the newspapers by both of the factions engaged in the present labor troubles is amusing and instructive. Twice or thrice per day the public is told in one column that trains are moving regularly, the strikers are losing heart, and the strike is practically at an end; regular reports of assemblies of Knights of Labor which have surrendered their charters are given and the railroad officials announce their determination to maintain their position. A parallel column is devoted to the working men and a similar determination is expressed; we are told that the Knights are encouraged, contributions are pouring in from every side, and there is no thought of compromise. Such vagaries are highly entertaining but they make us surmise that we can't tell anything about the truth of the matter.

A great deal of blame has been heaped upon the militia that did the shooting in East St. Louis. Perhaps there was less provocation there than at many other places, but there was enough to justify them. The strikers remind one of the camel. His master, away out in the desert, allowed him to look into the tent where it was roomy and light. After he had looked awhile he stuck his nose in, which was such a little thing to do, that he was not driven out. Then his head and neck were gradually worked in and permitted to remain because it was such a slight innovation. After awhile, by such slight advances the camel was entirely in the tent and the master was driven out. So with the mob; each thing they do may be small in itself but adding one to another, they soon have the power in their own hands and the authorities are driven out. And the sooner some one tries to check their advances the better.

Between the majority in the Senate who are opposed to him because of the frequency with which he has used his power of removing from office, and the members of his own party who love him not because he has not exercised his prerogative in this respect with more frequency, President Cleveland's row is by no means an easy one to hoe. The time spent by the former party in trying to trap him into an inconsistency, certainly, in our humble opinion, might have been spent with more profit to the nation. Partisanship, in this august body as well as with the people at large, seems to be encroaching upon the sphere of patriotism. People seem to forget that when a party leader is elected president, he then becomes president of all and that all should equally desire the success of his administration—at least where the prosperity of the country is involved. The trouble seems to be in the prominence of party and the prevailing exalted idea as to their claims upon their members. Judging from the way one who does not see fit to support an incompetent or dishonest candidate just because he was nominated by his party in the regular way, is abused by the partisan press one would suppose that hanging would be too mild a punishment for such a wretch; while in reality such an action may, and in the majority of cases does, indicate the highest patriotism.