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The tornado crop is one whose failure would cause no grief.

A cyclone often does not come into regulation either, but when it is wanted it is wanted bad.

One of the healthiest signs of the season is the thorough shaking up of the Postoffice department.

While the keys to the city remain in the custody of Mayor Moores, Omaha's guests will have no trouble in opening the latch.

The Real Estate exchange must not let its fight for equal taxation wane. The only way to win is to keep everlastingly at it.

The heavy downpour has done a great deal of damage, but from the sanitary standpoint it has proved a blessing to this community.

Moving day in the city hall is a trifle later this year than usual owing to the action of the legislature extending the term of the lease.

If the weather man keeps his waterspouts in repair, it may be entirely unnecessary for Omaha to acquire a water works plant of its own.

It goes without saying that the Burlington has not yet lost its foothold in the state house, notwithstanding the recent visit of John N. Baldwin.

Is it not a little too previous to select the chairman for the next national republican committee more than a year ahead of the national convention?

It is to be hoped that the storm god will have it out and over by the time the presidential party is due to cross Nebraska and Iowa on its homeward journey.

"If there is anything wrong with those canned lobsters," exclaims Grocer Smith, "it must be charged up to Mr. Jones, with whom we made our contract, and Jones, he always pays the freight."

With the tide of immigration at its height, it would not be a bad idea for Nebraska to do something to make sure that it will get its share of the newcomers who are pouring in through the gates at New York.

If Norman Mack should venture to write another letter to Bryan's Omaha understudy there would be a gas explosion on middle Farnam that would lift the Sioux Falls pavement at least for ten squares around.

One of the principals in a pugilistic bout advertised for Memorial day has been knocked out in advance by malaria. Places threatened with invasion of the prize-fighting fraternity might take the hint and lay in a supply of malaria germs.

The sinking of the Peruvian gunboat Loretto, which sprang a leak off the coast of Sicily, should in the natural course of events be charged up to a conspiracy of Sicilian stiletto wielders and the motto emblazoned, "Remember the Loretto."

When Sir Thomas Lipton reads the accounts crediting the cup defender, Reliance, with invincibility, of course he will forthwith turn the prow of Shamrock the other way and go straight back home without risking his reputation in another hopeless race. Of course he will.

Estimates made by the chief state oil inspector place the value of petroleum and other illuminants imported into Nebraska during the month of April at \$128,000, or in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000 a year. The bulk of this sum represents the patronage of Nebraska to the Standard Oil trust.

ENDORING THE PRESIDENT.

Last year the republican conventions of fifteen states, which will be represented by 304 delegates in the republican national convention of 1904, endorsed Theodore Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

Under the new congressional apportionment the next national convention will contain 58 more delegates than that of 1900, or 984. As a majority is necessary for a nomination, the successful candidate must receive 492 1/2 votes.

While it would undoubtedly be gratifying to republicans generally if the Ohio convention, which will be held next week, should endorse Mr. Roosevelt for nomination, its failure to do so could have no important effect upon the situation.

More or less being said about growing opposition to President Roosevelt in the east, but nothing of the kind is apparent among the rank and file of the republicans of that section.

In our judgment the Ohio issue has been given a greatly exaggerated significance. It is a difference between two distinguished republican leaders of that state, both avowed friends of Mr. Roosevelt, which will not in the slightest degree affect the chances of the president's nomination next year.

The indications are that the immigration for the current fiscal year will be the heaviest ever known. It is estimated that it may reach 890,000, the previous high record being 788,992 in 1882.

In regard to this large volume of immigration, attracted by the prosperous condition of the country, the New York Journal of Commerce observes that there is nothing disquieting or alarming in it. There has been here an increasing demand for labor and this new force will fall short of meeting it if properly distributed.

The premature death of John S. Robinson removes a man who has had a creditable record in our public life. It was his misfortune to sit through both his terms as representative in congress from Nebraska as a member of a hopeless minority with little opportunity to make his mark upon legislation.

The prosecution of municipal and legislative hoodlums down in Missouri has raised the standard of public morals several degrees. The leading republican organ of that state, the Globe-Democrat, which has been waging a very vigorous campaign against hoodlumism, proclaims this doctrine: "All the republican hoodlums ought to be kicked out of the party as fast as they are discovered."

There is another consideration to which the Journal of Commerce urges attention. While it thinks there is no occasion for a policy of exclusion from the country, and it is difficult to set up a standard of discrimination or sifting, it suggests that there is occasion for the exercise of prudence in admitting to citizenship and it is a matter that presents no difficulty. It is urged that the length of residence and the requirements of evidence of fitness can be

easily raised to a higher standard and ought to be. No one who places a proper value upon American citizenship will be likely to find fault with this view.

A BLUFF ON AN IMPERTINENCE. The new city attorney, Carl C. Wright, enters his office with a chip on his shoulder. He declares that he will not allow an appointee of the mayor to perform the functions of second assistant attorney.

The taxpayers of Omaha will be called upon to contribute \$1,200 toward the expense of the special deputy sheriffs enrolled to assist the police in maintaining law and order during the recent labor troubles.

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BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Although the time for holding the national convention for 1904 is a year off, Washington gossip is already discussing the probable location.

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IMMIGRATION AND THE CITIES.

Small Per Cent of the Tide Reach the West and South. Philadelphia Ledger. Previous immigration records will probably be broken this year. The primary cause of this unprecedented influx of aliens is the prosperous business conditions prevailing here.

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Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, near Hogenville, Ky., will be sold under the hammer next month. Prof. Martin W. Odland of Madison, Wis., who has been appointed as the States deputy consul at Copenhagen, Denmark, expects to leave for his new post the latter part of July.

Under the division of presidential electors for 1904 New York continues at the head of the list, with thirty-nine, while New Jersey will have twelve—a gain of five for the two states. The states of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan had each twenty in 1884.

Every well regulated non-law will hail with discreet joy the success of a Chicago brother in making his father-in-law cough up heavy damages for calling him a liar. Doubtless there is some truth in the designation, but when a rich father-in-law adds a lobster to the family collection he should pay the price and give the automatic kicker a chance to get in its work.

John Sargent, the famous portrait painter, has a morbid dread of publicity. For twenty years he has resisted all efforts of photographers to get him in front of a camera and only consented recently because a fake picture presented in an eastern newspaper had been extensively copied. Even then the picture made him look twenty years older than his age.

The Paris correspondent prints a selection of Emperor William's utterances with a view to portraying him as he sees himself. "I am your emperor," he once said to the Germans, "by an immutable decree of God." Again: "What I require of my people is a fidelity that never wavers."

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