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THE first issue of THE COURIER in the new form is sent to the public with some misgivings. A change, such as we have made this week, entails a great deal of labor, and we have been compelled to neglect some of the regular departments, and other features that we expected to be a part of the first issue of the new COURIER are omitted altogether. Such as it is we send it to the public with the promise that the improvement, if any there be, has only begun.

WILLIAM T. STEAD'S book, published this week, is entitled "If Christ Came to Chicago." The chances are that he would soon leave.

MR. BRYAN is going to make a specialty of mints. He will locate one in every town in the first congressional district.

THE resolutions adopted by the republican city convention mean something, and councilmen who disobey the instructions therein contained will have something to answer for.

WHEN Ben Baker retires from the office of United States district attorney he will pass into an obscurity from which he will, in all probability, find it difficult to emerge. Mr. Baker was such a dear friend of poor Mr. Mosher that it will take him a long time to recover from the effects of that friendship.

IT must be particularly gratifying to the needy members of the democratic party, the men who labor by the sweat of their brow, whatever that is, to observe the manner in which their party is taking care of those democrats who really need help. First Mr. Cleveland appointed that honest son of toil, with patches on the knees of his pants, and horns on his hands, J. Sterling Morton, to a position in the cabinet. Then another very poor laboring man, James E. North, was made collector of internal revenue. Mr. White, of Plattsmouth, a man who has poverty stamped all over him, was relieved by an appointment to the office of United States marshal. A few weeks ago, coming to our own city, Mr. J. H. Harley, a plain workingman who has found it very hard to support a large family on \$1 per day, was presented with the postmastership, worth considerably more than \$3,000 a year. Finally Dr. George L. Miller is made collector of customs at Omaha. Dr. Miller is another poor and oppressed laboring man. Verily, the democratic party is great on taking care of the needy. The workingmen who voted the democratic ticket in 1892 are getting their reward.

THE republican city convention held Wednesday afternoon was something of a surprise. Reform has been in the air in this city for months; but few people expected the republicans to make any substantial recognition of this sentiment. But something was accomplished, and THE COURIER congratulates the republican party on the stand it took. That part of the platform relating to questions of local interest is more important than many persons imagine. It is couched in positive terms and if members of the city council and

other city officers obey its instructions the municipal government will be administered much more economically than it has been in many years; the council will make only such expenditures of public money as are absolutely necessary, and the school board will curb its propensity to spend money recklessly; a garbage crematory may be erected by and for the city, and the city will do its own electric lighting. If members of the city council will stand by the instructions of the convention they will give the city an excellent administration. If they do not do as they are directed they will violate a solemn obligation, and draw upon themselves the anathemas of all good citizens. The republican platform is an excellent campaign document, and it ought to elect every candidate on the ticket by a good majority. The republican party has done well.

NEWSPAPERS throughout the state have become interested in the plain truths THE COURIER has been telling about Bank Examiner John M. Griffith, who might more properly be called Hospital Superintendent Griffith, and the press is voicing with vigor a protest that is as broad and deep as the state against the retention in office of this scamp or numbskull. And notwithstanding the intelligence in the Washington dispatches of Omaha and Lincoln papers which gives the impression that Mr. Griffith is impregnable, there is good reason for supposing that he may be removed, and without very great delay. The influence back of Griffith is of such a nature that it is not surprising that he should have remained so long undisturbed. For the further benefit of those persons who are interested in Mr. Griffith and his peculiar care of "hospital cases" among the national banks of Nebraska we simply call attention to Mr. Griffith's authorization of the organization of a national bank at Grand Island with a capital stock composed in large measure of wind; to his coming to the rescue of various state banks that were ordered to close up by the state authorities, and his allowing them to reorganize as national banks, resulting often in loss to creditors; to his more or less culpable sponsorship of questionable operations of banks in Ainsworth, Sterling, Holdrege, York, David City, Broken Bow, etc., etc. Particulars are easily obtainable. It is most clearly apparent that Griffith ought to go.

THERE are republicans who maintain that politics should not enter into the election of city and county officers. It is the indifference of this kind of republicans that has made it possible for the independents to capture the most important offices in Lincoln and Lancaster county. It is this indifference, coupled with carelessness in making nominations for office, that has given the office of the mayor and that of the sheriff and clerk of the district court to a party that represents an appetite for office more acute and insatiable than has ever been developed within the republican or democratic parties, cementing the hold of the populists, who as at present organized, are a detriment to any community, and giving the third party, the state's greatest enemy, the greatest possible encouragement. We believe that the candidates for city attorney, police judge, city engineer, water commissioner, cemetery trustee, members of the board of education and city council named by the republican convention this week are as well, and in many instances, better qualified than any other candidates that have been, or will be named, and we believe every republican should not only vote the republican ticket, but get out and work for it. We have already given the independents and democrats too much. We have given the democrats the country and they have bankrupted it. We have allowed the demops to run this state for the last three years, and they done more harm to Nebraska than all the political mistakes of the republican party in the last twenty-five years. We have given over our best city and county offices to the independents, and we do not think that any one will contend that anything has been gained by the concession. It is time for republicans to be republicans. Republican victories all along the line this spring will make it all the easier to achieve success in the more important elections this fall, and a sweeping republican victory in November will pave the way for a tremendous revolution in 1896 that will send William McKinley or some other good and faithful member of the grand old party into the office of president.

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