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Mr. LEEFER did not leap into office with the acclaim he anticipated.

CARTER HARRISON, democrat, was elected mayor of Chicago. He seems to be as popular as his father was.

LEADERS who do not lead, is what the democratic party is overstocked with, in congress and out of congress.

JUDGING from the election returns, from eastern cities, the democrats are still alive. But where are the populists?

It is now stated that there will be not less than five candidates in the first campaign for mayor of Greater New York.

THE free trade democrats should take warning from the fate of the Chicago girl who was frightened to death by a shadow.

SOME of the democrats in the house insisted upon voting for the Dingley tariff because they knew a good thing when they saw it.

SENATOR PLATT, of New York, got a black eye the other day, but it was given him by a heavy swinging door in the capital building and not by one of his enemies.

WHEN Speaker Reed declined to recognize as a political party the populists in the house, on the ground that they were a part of the democratic party, he made a bullseye.

ALTHOUGH defeated for mayor, John Skirving has the satisfaction of knowing that he made the race without having given any man a promise that he would name him for a city position.

THE first chapter in the amendment farce, the completion of the recount, has been completed, and now the citizens of Nebraska are anxiously awaiting the introduction of the second chapter.

JOHN FITCHER has pushed the Grand Island Democrat rapidly to the front. If it was not for the repudiation political principles that it advocates, it would be one of the best papers in the state.

WHAT tears of grief poor Silas shed when the legislature decided that the constitutional amendment, providing for two more judges of the supreme court, failed to carry. His brother-in-law will not be judge.

MR. GROVER CLEVELAND and Mr. D. B. Hill have doubtless noticed that the Bryanites have captured the executive machinery of the national association of democratic clubs, and put only free silverites on guard.

SOMEBODY could do the country a great service by producing some method of hurrying the tariff bill through the senate, so that the speculating importers would not have time to overload our markets with foreign made goods.

CONGRESSMAN "CHAMP" CLARK, of Mo., says the democrats are not responsible for Grover Cleveland. We should like to know who is then? Certainly it was the democratic party that nominated him for president three times, although we will admit that he owed both his elections to mugwump votes. Still history will certainly have to charge him to the democratic party, Mr. Clark to the contrary notwithstanding.

COULD the anti-irrigationists find no one to run for director but J. W. Leeper, a man who became a free holder on March 27, or two days after the petition nominating him as a candidate for that office, was filed with the secretary of the board.

TO BE a good letter writer will be one of the necessary qualifications for a populist candidate for a state office in the future. Our own Jackson, who fills the office of state superintendent, is liable to be shut out after the first heat. He never practiced the art in politics.

THE dedication of the Grant mausoleum in New York is going to be made an event worthy of the name of Grant. The president and his cabinet, and doubtless a considerable number of senators and representatives, will go over from Washington, and foreign nations have been invited to send warships.

SENATOR HANBROUGH thinks the business relations between the U. S. government and the solicitors of patents are too close for the latter to use lottery schemes in their business; hence the introduction of his bill making it illegal for a solicitor of patents to offer any prize or premium to inventors by means of so-called competitions, or in any other way.

BILLY BRYAN's southern partner in the race last year is still unconvinced. "Compare the sale of Bryan's book now," he writes in his Atlanta paper, "with those of Coin's Financial School in 1894, and you get a fair idea of the decline of public interest in the single issue of silver coinage. Harvey's book outsold Bryan's at the Japanese ratio of about 32 to 1. The single issue of silver coinage has seen its best day."—Siox City Times.

PRIOR to the city election the adherents of populist doctrine said there was no political issues in this election. But as soon as the expressed will of the voters on their choice for mayor was made known, several advocates of the white metal informed the writer that free silver again carried O'Neill. They claim it was a great 16 to 1 victory. Let us see. Last fall the Bryan electors received a majority in this city of about 60 votes. On Tuesday Gillespie received a majority of 23, making a loss to the silver cause of 37 votes, if they wish to claim it as a silver victory.

REACHING THE LAST STAGE. There is no crime so great as that committed against the people's suffrage. The ballot box is the foundation stone of our liberties and the guarantee of the rights of citizenship. The murderer is a menace to society. The thief is obnoxious in the eyes of all honorable people. The embezzler is a betrayer of both public and private trusts. But in all this round of criminality there is a mere personal responsibility. Individuals do not condone their offenses and large aggregations of people do not connive to save them from the penalties of their follies. They must stand alone.

Nebraska has been under the control of the republican party since the admission of the state into the Union. During that time the number of state officials who have betrayed the trust reposed in them has been comparatively small. Embezzlement and malfeasance have sometimes been punished, and in every instance the attempt to administer the proper penalty has been made. Neither republican officials nor politicians, nor the organization of the party, has been called in to protect a criminal or to become a party to a crime. The republican party has always had a healthful respect for law. The republican policy in case of disagreement has been that of recourse to the courts. That policy has always been to submit disputed points under the law to a decision of the higher court upon the constitutionality of a legislative enactment. That is the position that the party maintains in Nebraska at this time.

No republican in this state today has been heard to condone the offices of the defaulting state auditor and treasurer. When it is shown that they are guilty there is a unanimous republican demand for their punishment. Republicans believe that

they should be held strictly accountable for illegal and criminal acts. These acts have been committed as individuals, and not as representatives of the republican party, or by and with the advice of a party caucus or cable.

Not long since a conspiracy was hatched in this state to amend the constitution of Nebraska by fraud. It had the sanction of and was formulated by men high in official position and in the councils of a certain political party. In order to carry out this plot three members of the house of representatives were unseated, whose right to hold their seats was unquestionable. A special act was then passed for a recount of the constitutional amendment ballots. The work of recounting was delegated to a rank partisan commission. An order of the district court of Lancaster county enjoined further counting of the ballots when the work had been about half completed, until the higher court could pass upon the constitutionality of the act creating this commission. By order of the house of representatives these ballots were taken possession of by the sergeant at arms of that body and his deputies. In other words these ballots were stolen from the commission. The resolution directing the theft did not and can not repeal the previous statute. A republican member of the commission addressed a letter to the governor alleging certain frauds in the counting of the ballots, and was dismissed from the commission for his pains. The governor would not take notice of the charges. A resolution was introduced in the house to investigate them but the resolution was voted down. It is now proposed to repeal the previous recount act and pass a new one providing for a recount by a legislative commission.

Herein we have an admission that the entire previous procedure has been wrong. If it had been proposed in the beginning to recount the ballots by a commission composed of members of the legislature, in a public manner, in the presence of representatives of all parties, so that there could be no question of an honest intention and no opportunity for fraud, there would have been no ground for serious objection and the trouble we have been having would have been avoided. If it can be shown conclusively to the minds of a large majority of the people that errors to the extent of thirty thousand votes that should have been credited to the judgeship amendment were made by the original returning boards, then the two populist judges should be seated. The matter is not partisan nor is it political. Partisan frauds will not be tolerated and a political crime will be resisted to the last moment.—Kearney Hub.

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