

GOV. STONE ON HARMONY.

Gov. Stone wrote a letter recently to a gentlemen in Sedalia in which he gave his views concerning the causes of late disasters to the Democratic party and how to secure harmony that is now necessary to success in the future.

"I am for harmony, too. I am as sincerely anxious for harmony and success as any Democrat in the state, and am more than willing to make sacrifices to secure it. But if 'harmony' means that I am to doff my Democracy and put on the livery of the plutocrat, I object.

"If defeat should come we would at least preserve, not only party organization, but our party faith and honor. Rid of those who would betray it they cannot debase, the old party would rise from the ashes of defeat nobler, braver and stronger than before, still the unpurchased and uncorrupted champion of good government and popular rights.

"But if we are brave and steadfast there will be no defeat, either in convention or at the polls. A large majority of Democrats are still Democratic, still true to party faith. This majority can control conventions and have its way if it will. It tries, it can win. Why not? And a majority of the American people are for bimetallism. We must fight on this line if we are to hope for victory. How else can we expect to win? Can we commit the party to policies condemned by a majority of Democrats, and condemned by a majority of all the people, and expect success? Can we hope for victory if we deserve defeat?"

THE LATE STORM.

We thought we had somewhat of a sleet, rain and snow storm in this part of the country last Monday night, but it was a small affair compared with that of other localities.

There never was a storm so wide spread and destructive in November in this country as the one that occurred last Monday night. This is the testimony of telegraphic operators and street railroad men.

The storm seems to have had its beginning in Mexico, coming north through Texas to the great lakes and east to the Atlantic.

Telegraph wires were broken down in St. Louis, Chicago, New York and in many towns east and west. In many localities in Illinois excessive rains caused an overflow of rivers and creeks that did much damage to crops. Nevada, Mo., reported five inches of snow, badly drifted.

Webb City reported a fall of rain, hail and snow that continued 87 hours and that the snow was the heaviest seen in years; street cars were blocked and all business suspended.

Sedalia had a snow fall of four inches.

Throughout Kansas the storm approached the proportions of a blizzard, the worst experienced in many years. As a consequence there must have been much suffering of both man and beast.

If all the subscribers to the Keytesville Signal discontinue their subscriptions to that paper who have told us they intended to do so when their time expired, the Signal will not have enough readers left in another year for "a corporal's guard." The honest truth is, we couldn't blame any one for parting company with the Signal, for with a corpulent ignoramus as its head, a gawky gauding as its foreman, and a drunken sot as its editor, the Signal, indeed, doesn't afford an inviting field for respectable, intelligent patronage.

Perhaps the magnitude of the salt wells and output of salt in Kansas is not generally known. A train load, says a late paper, leaves Hutchinson every day, and the output of the ten mines at that place alone is equal in value to the entire corn crop of the state. Hutchinson salt finds a ready market in all the western cities, but is also sold extensively in New York and in many of the New England states.

TURKISH ATROCITIES IN ARMENIA.

Rev. J. T. M. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist church in Jefferson City, recently returned from a trip through Italy, Greece, Egypt, the Holy Land, Asia Minor and Turkey.

He lectured in his church at Jefferson City last Sunday and talked to his people about what he saw and heard during his travels, particularly of the condition of affairs in Armenia where thousands of Christians have been slaughtered of late. He declares that neither resident nor visiting Christians are safe in any part of Turkey's Asiatic possessions; that in Armenia there are ten Mohammedans to one Christian, and that reports sent out that Christians are the aggressors are totally untrue; that the Christians there cling to their faith, despite persecution, robbery, pillage and murder. He says that the American minister to Turkey, Terrill, of Texas, has become a convert to Mohammedanism and that no American visiting the Holy Land can hope to receive any favors from him.

Thirty-four American Christian preachers, who traveled through Asia Minor and Palestine together, joined in a letter to President Cleveland asking that Terrill be removed. The published reports of Turkish outrages upon Armenian Christians, Mr. Johnson says, do not tell one-tenth of the horrors which might be told, and that dispatches from the interior of Armenia reach the outside world only after a rigorous censorship by Turkish officials.

No doubt Mr. Johnson tells the truth, or what he believes to be the truth, and if it is true, Mr. Cleveland ought to lose no time in removing Mr. Terrill as the American representative in Turkey. The continuation of these outrages is not only a disgrace to the Turkish government, but a crying shame upon the civilized governments of the world that they do not unite in a demand to stop them, and if the demand is not respected then by force of arms chastise the Ottoman empire until she will be glad to behave herself in the years to come.

DEMOCRATS who want an early convention held in Missouri to elect delegates to the national convention are called "snappers," while those who are opposed to an early convention are called "anti-snappers." A few years ago when David R. Francis was a candidate for governor, the state committee requested that all the counties in the state hold conventions on the same day to elect delegates to the state convention, and appointed the day for that purpose. This did not suit Mr. Francis nor his friends. In several of the counties, one of which was Howard, our near neighbor, a convention was held in advance of the time appointed by the state committee. Why? Because in so doing it would further Mr. Francis' interests as a Democratic candidate for governor. His lieutenants could be withdrawn from the counties where the delegates were instructed for him, and send them into unworked fields. This was a scheme that worked well for Mr. Francis' nomination, but did not secure him any more votes at the general election. This time these same gentlemen that worked for early primaries to advance the Francis cause are much opposed to early conventions this time. Their ox is now being gored.

THERE was a meeting of 12 out of the 15 old members of the state Democratic committee and three proxies of the absent members held in St. Louis last Friday. The old members readily and unanimously recognized the 19 new members appointed by the Pertle Springs convention, and invited them to seats in the council meeting. Messrs. Allen, Knott, Avery, Booth, Organ and Christian, new members of the committee, were present. The old and new members voted unanimously for the call of a meeting of all the members in St. Louis on Dec. 3rd.

MISSOURI has not been a favorite field from which to select elective officers in the U. S. house of representatives. But two, a clerk and door-keeper, having been chosen in the 71 years that Missouri has been a member of the national union.

BURGULARS entered the State bank at Apha, Illinois, last Saturday night and stole \$4,700. Their work was accomplished by using dynamite. No clue to the robbers.

MISSOURI'S UNITED DEMOCRACY.

The Kansas City Times, in speaking of Missouri's united Democracy, says:

"No surrender of principle has been made. The point of difference between the two wings of the party, the financial issue, will be submitted to a vote of the Missouri Democracy when it shall select its delegates to the national Democratic convention. These delegates will return from that convention with the decree of the national Democratic party. That decree will and must be obeyed by loyal Democrats everywhere. If it be for free silver, every gold standard man will surrender his own fallible judgment—for this is a question not of conscience nor of principle, but of policy, of judgment as to the safe course for the government to pursue in its financial policy—and he will fall into line to the music of a united party representing in itself the American principle of majority rule. That will be the principle involved and no other. Of course if the judgment of national Democracy is for sound money (that is, as that term is generally understood throughout the civilized world), the free silverites will do as they would have expected the sound money advocates to do had the verdict been against them. Either way means a united, victorious Democracy."

So far as the surrender of either faction of the Democratic party to secure harmony, being done without the surrender of principle is concerned, we look at it differently from the Times.

The, so called, "sound money" men may surrender without stultifying their consciences, because in so doing they would be abandoning a policy heretofore foreign to Democratic principles, one against which the Democratic party has always spoken in unmistakable terms.

Missouri Democrats have never held a state convention since the passage of the demonetization act in 1873 became known, that they did not demand at the hands of congress the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver."

The Democratic party has always been the champion of bimetallism. Hence for Democrats, who have strayed away and have become advocates of a financial policy and principles against which the party has heretofore been arrayed with its might and in that opposition has been victorious, to come back to the ancient moorings of the party is no surrender of Democratic principles. It is like the backslider in religion, who after falling away and returning to the "beggarly elements of the world," sees the error of his way and with penitent heart returns to his "first love."

But on the other side it is different. Free silver men are such, not from policy or a mere sentiment, but from principle, a principle as old and as dear to them as the institutions of our government. They believed to erase the cardinal principle of bimetallism from their category would go just that far to destroy the identity of their party, and would be an acknowledgment of error in the past, which they do not, they cannot believe, while all the ill effects of silver demonetization stare them in the face. There is no encouragement for them to do so. They have no hope of victory with a single gold standard plank in their national platform. In every state election since the "sound money" idea has been sprung on the party and permitted to be incorporated into state platforms, Democracy has met with ignominious defeat.

The result of the Kentucky election shows plainly that "sound money" men "have it in" for the free silverites. Their voting the Republican ticket in that state in preference to voting for a Democrat that dared express his individual opinions, and favored the free coinage of silver, shows they have erected a higher wall and dug a deeper ditch between themselves and free silver Democrats than exists between them and the Republican party.

We have said repeatedly and say again, we are anxious for harmony, but we want it on correct and time-honored principles of the Democratic party.

JOSEPH DONNELLY, against whom a death sentence in the circuit court at Mexico was passed not long since for killing Samuel Turner in July, 1893, is asking the governor, through numerous petitioners, to commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

Buy yours if a hat from Mrs. C. P. Vandiver for Thanksgiving, and you will be thankful you got it so cheap.

ANOTHER

Week has passed and we are still selling better goods for less money than any of our competitors. We have an excellent line of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Notions, etc., for winter wear, and we are not trying to

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the people when we tell them that our stock is all new and fresh. We have a few nice Capes, Cloaks and Jackets left which we will dispose of at very low figures to close them out. It is

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easy to see that we mean business.

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In speaking of the recognition of the new members of the state Democratic central committee by the old members of the committee, the K. C. Times says: "For this act of loyalty to party at the expense of their own individual ambitions, these men deserve all praise and the people will surely honor them for it, but they made no surrender of principle, for the simple reason that there was no principle to surrender. The gold men had the control of the party. The free silverites demanded a share in the control. And it was granted them in the interest of harmony, not at the expense of any principle whatever."

The Times is talking about state politics. Will it please tell us when the gold men had the control of the party in this state? Does it refer to the time previous to the Pertle Springs convention, when a majority of the state committee opposed the demands of a large majority of the party in calling a state convention, and continued to dally with the matter till they saw the handwriting on the wall to them. If they did not call it that the people would call it themselves, and displace the last mother's son of them? If so, that control was short-lived. They, the gold men, have not been in control of the party since the Pertle Springs convention. They do not control it now as they will doubtless be convinced at the meeting of the state committee next Tuesday, Dec. 3rd.

WILLIAM BARRETT, of Boston, for a number of years was esteemed as a high-toned jeweler, dealer in gold and silver ingots. He was free and easy in his manner, dignified in his deportment and polished in his address, and succeeded in winning the confidence of many customers in and out of Boston. A revelation of his true character was made recently when he was indicted by the grand jury on 100 counts for burglary. He obtained his stock by burglarizing the homes of wealthy people and melting his ill-gotten gains over again, and thus put his wares in order to be sold without the chance of their rightful owners identifying them.



I got my lunch at Halley's. I didn't, but wish I had.

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WHATEVER may be the opinion of J. K. Robertson of us, we want to assure him that we have never yet stooped so low as to offer to send the COURIER FREE for a number of months to new subscribers if they would quit taking the Signal when their time expired for that paper. The COURIER's subscribers have been obtained on the merits of our paper, and not through any undermining, unprincipled business methods, such as Mr. Robertson has been repeatedly guilty of. If "old Joe" can prove that "he was born and raised a gentleman," (something we never heard him accused of) we can also prove that he has woefully departed from his raising.

WHEN the Signal bull-frog speaks of "the well recognized superiority of the Signal over the COURIER," he is only "indulging in an observation" instead of dealing in facts, as every intelligent citizen of Chariton county well knows. As a newspaper that gives the county news, the Signal can no more be compared to the COURIER than a stale frog-pond can to a spring of pure, fresh, sparkling water. This is from headquarters (the people) and is strictly official.

In the issue of the COURIER of Nov. 15th we took occasion to show up the brazen inconsistencies of the Signal bull-frog in having refused to subscribe for the COURIER in 1886 on the grounds that "there were too many papers in Chariton county," and then afterwards establishing the 9th or 10th paper. From the column and a half below the bull-frog set up in last week's Signal we must have struck him in very much affected and seriously diseased parts.

"WHERE ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." It would, therefore, be very unkind of us to undecieve the surplus of adipose tissue, known as J. K. Robertson, the senior editor of the Keytesville Signal, in his belief(?) that the COURIER's circulation is waning; that we are contracting bad debts; that we publish delinquent subscribers, who come in and pay up as new subscribers, etc., etc. The bull-frog's thinking that we do, believing that we do or saying that we do, does not make it so, and if it affords him any pleasure to make statements about the COURIER that are bare-faced, ball-headed, flat-footed falsehoods they will do him and his paper infinitely more harm than they will the COURIER or its editor. "Old Joe" should either quit lying or get out of the church.

The COURIER sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cravens, of 4 1-2 miles southeast of town, in the loss of their baby boy, their first born, whose arrival gladdened the hearts of the fond parents on Wednesday night of last week, but only lingered until Friday morning, when the dark angel of death claimed the little cherub for his own.

We notice in the Fayette Democrat-Banner where Mrs. E. C. Thomas, formerly Miss Maggie Redding, of Keytesville, royally entertained a number of Fayette's young elite society last Thursday evening.

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