



A FUNERAL SERMON.

We clip the following very interesting letter from the columns of the Gibson City Ecaterize of Gibson City, Ford county, Illinois, which was written by a former republican resident lawyer of that town, who at the time of writing the same was temporarily located in Girard, Kansas.

Members of the Democratic Committee of Invitation and Democratic friends of Gibson: I received your pressing invitation by telegraph to preach for you a funeral sermon over the republican party, and being as ever anxious and willing to accommodate you, I comply with your request, but as you were evidently too poor to pay the charges on your message, I take it for granted that it would be impossible for you to provide for my expenses to Gibson, and such other necessary expenses as your knowledge of courtesy would suggest to you.

We will open our exercises by singing that old and familiar hymn, "Return ye ransomed sinners home." Brother Hughes will please lead the singing, and let all the singers sing. We will next give attention to the following lesson: Verily I say unto you, the kingdom of this land is like unto an husbandman who had two sons, and the elder of the two rose up and saith unto his father: IF I cannot rule the inheritance as I wish, and compel thee and my brother to serve me in iniquity, then old man comes down your shafts; and his brethren hearkened not unto his demands nor sanctioned his iniquity, which so incensed this elder brother that he straightway stole all the silver and gold from the coffers of his father's house and threw down the walls thereof and carried away all the treasures of the house and sought to steal one-half of the inheritance and set up for himself another kingdom wherein the iniquities and wickedness of his ways might find no hindrance.

There is a fountain filled with coin, Drawn from the mines of earth; A treasury with vaults so full We all may share its wealth.

I will now call attention to the following passage as my text: "He is not dead but sleepeth." The subject of these remarks was born in the year 1856. His father was freedom and its mother was Justice. The offspring became the inseparable union of the two, and was called the Republican Party. When only four years of age the affairs of the Nation were given into its hands, and no sovereign on the face of earth ever assumed the reigns of a government in a worse condition of demoralization—financial, moral and political—than ours when entrusted to its hand.

and happiness than this Nation to-day.

Such a record of the grandest national career of twenty-four years which this or any other nation ever saw or ever will see, and with the honors of such a record upon it, the Republican party retires from the reins of government—not dead—but sleeping for a time, to be called again to power. not alone of its own volition, but called as it was at its birth to respond to the cry of forty millions of loyal freemen. Called whenever treason shall again be seen stalking forth unmasked in the land. And may God in His mercy defer that day to the uttermost limit of His all wise providence. You, my Democratic friends, deceive yourselves by thinking that day will never come. But let me tell you, the seasons will not have made a circuit of the year before you will behold it, if your eyes be not blinded by passion and prejudice. Writing as I do from this locality, which was in times of war the border-line, I may say to you that already before your victory was assured I beheld it. At two cities in this county has the rebel flag been flying to the breeze in jollification over your victory, and not only flying to the breeze but maintained and defended there at the muzzle of the gun, and this, not in the atmosphere of democratic shotgun supremacy but in a county as strongly republican as your own. You say such men as that have no sense, and this is the only difference between them and you, for so long as you cling so close to them with their lack of sense to hide their principles, you must in your hearts hold common principles with them, and when your rebel friends who, lacking for want of sense and education that wisdom which republican institutions have given to you shall show forth to the world your common principles, then will the loyal people again demand the restoration of the republican party to power. Look you at the banner State—Missouri. When these principals were cropping out the present campaign you presented a rebel General for Governor who boldly declared from the stump in my own hearing, "They say I was a rebel. I say I was a rebel, and I am proud of it. The confederacy is in the saddle to-day, and will regain in this campaign what they lost in the war." The loyal men of Missouri saw it, and the democratic majority of 55,000 only two years ago for Governor stands out down to hardly 5,000. But the hour has arrived for closing these exercises, and in conclusion by way of explanation let me say if I speak too plain or my manner sounds harsh, I want you to take as I mean and not as I say, for I mean it far stronger than I say it, and if my discourse is not altogether satisfactory to you, then—well perhaps you tickled the wrong mule.

GENERAL GRANT ON THE RETIRED LIST.

It was but a fitting act of the retiring administration, and a fitting close for a long, patriotic and successful republican rule, was the passage and signing of the bill to retire General Grant, and placing the infirm old soldier in his proper place on the list of army heroes, and the confirmation of the appointment by the unanimous voice of the Senate. The cheers that greeted the successful issue of this measure are a sufficient test of the patriotic feeling that throbs in the hearts of a loyal people when called upon to remember with honor and gratitude the man who had led the armies of the nation to victory over an arrogant, internecine foe. All honor to the retiring republican president and the republican senate, and honor, too, to the democratic members of the house of representatives, who, on the morn of the inauguration of a president of their own political faith, felt that they could afford to be just to a man who, in carrying the standard of the republic to victory, saved it from disruption and made it possible for democrats to be honored with place and power.—Voiced by the press all over the land.

One of our Southern Oregon democratic exchanges says: "We are sorry at the course pursued by the Standard. Indeed if such a course were general by the democratic journals, there would be some truth in the strictures of the Oregonian as to the Southern Confederacy having captured the government. The paper that cannot speak with decency, we do not even say respect, of Gen. Grant must injure any cause it seeks to uphold. The Standard put the head "Dying of jim-jams" over its account of the pitiful condi-

tion of Gen. Grant, who is slowly but surely being consumed by Cancer of the mouth. We can think of no fate more terrible than the death by Cancer. We know that the great heart of the American people goes out in sympathy to the great captain, so victorious, that at last but waits his conquering by the king of terrors."

The Chronicle's Washington special of the 10th inst., says: "Settlement of the New Hampshire case in the senate will be a precedent for the Oregon case, which will arise if the governor of Oregon appoints a senator, the legislature having failed to elect. It seems to be settled that the senate will admit Blair, and if it does it will admit any senator who may be appointed from Oregon."

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CITATION. In the County Court of the state of Oregon for Benton county Probate business. In the matter of the estate of Roswell C. Briggs deceased. To Owen Briggs, Daniel Briggs, Edward Briggs, Ansell C. Briggs and all other unknown, if any such therebe, heirs of said deceased. You and each of you are hereby cited and required to be and appear in the above named Court in the above entitled matter, in the County Court room at the court house in the town of Corvallis, Benton county, state of Oregon, on Monday the 6th day of April 1885, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., of said day the same being a day of the regular April term 1885 of said court to show cause, if any exist, why an order should not be made authorizing Ansell C. Briggs the administrator of said estate to sell the real property that belongs to said estate and described as follows to wit: The west half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty four (24) Township eleven (11) south of range eight (8) west, Willamette meridian in Benton county, state of Oregon, and containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land. To pay funeral charges, expenses of administration and claims against said estate as prayed for in the petition of said administrator and now on file in said Court. By order of Hon. J. R. Bryson Judge of said court made at the regular March term 1885 of said court to-wit: On the 2nd day of March 1885 and duly entered in the Journals of said court. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 4th day of March 1885. B. W. WILSON, Clerk.

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