

FEDERAL FORCE IN THE MESSAGE.

It would be unjust to accuse Mr Harrison, upon the evidence of his message, of Bourbonism which learns nothing. His is only the Bourbonism which does not forget.

Admonished by the result of former experiment in that direction he does not renew his recommendation of Mr Lodge's Force bill plan. But animated by the old federalist spirit he still hungers for federal control in state affairs, and urges upon congress two measures looking to the enlargement of federal power and the subjection of the states.

He wants a constitutional amendment passed to take away from the states the right secured to them by the constitution to prescribe, each for itself, the manner in which its presidential electors shall be chosen. He also wants a non-partisan commission created to devise some scheme of federal supervision over elections in the states, for the purpose of preventing congressional and legislative gerrymanders and of enforcing the right of each citizen to vote.

Now, for the gerrymander there is not one good word to be said. The right of every citizen to vote is sacred and should be secured by law. Uniformity in the method of choosing presidential electors is so desirable that, with the single exception of Michigan, all the states in fact and voluntarily choose them in the same way.

But the framers of the constitution, believing that liberty is more secure under a federal republic of limited power composed of states regulating their own affairs in their own way than under a consolidated government, wisely left it to the states to provide for these necessities, each according to its own views and circumstances. Accordingly Massachusetts for bids those of her citizens who cannot read to vote, while New York deems it wiser not to limit the suffrage. Michigan prefers to choose her presidential electors—who are peculiarly state officers—in a way different from that employed in other states. Her decision may be unwise, but it is her right under the constitution to make it.

And it is surely best, if there is any virtue in the fundamental idea of our system, that every state shall enjoy such control over its own affairs and that the general government shall keep its hands off. If that liberty had not been secured by the constitution the constitution would never have been accepted and the federal government would never have been formed.

Mr Harrison's idea is that the states and the people might be persuaded to surrender their liberties if the matter were presented in a less objectionable partisan form than it was in the Lodge Force bill. In that Mr Harrison is pretty surely mistaken. Federal encroachment upon local self-government by the states has already gone dangerously far, and hostility to its further advance is the hostility of principle and prudence, not merely of partisanship.

The people do not want federal interference in elections, whether that interference is done by an administration of one or another political faith. They are content with our system as it is. They do not want it reconstructed upon the theories of Hamilton, which were deliberately rejected when the constitution was made. The republic is satisfactory. Let it alone.—New York World.

Prof Nordenskjöld of Arctic fame will soon start from Australia in two small sailing vessels having auxiliary steam power, for an exploration of the Antarctic Oceans. The vessels will be thoroughly equipped with every device found useful in ice navigation. The locality has not been visited since James Ross's expedition in 1841, although the English ship Challenger went as far south as latitude 65° 42' in 1874.

The Philadelphia Telegraph falls into an astonishing error when it says that "the south controls the popular branch of congress absolutely." The northern democrats in that body constitute an absolute majority of the whole, and would control even if every southern seat were empty.

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They seem to have a regular fullblood Tom Anderson, J Madison Wells returning board in the city council at Salem. When that body met the other night, the recorder was called upon to make his report on the canvas of the late election in that city. He announced the vote to be for councilman in the second ward 154 for Collins, (rep.) and 153 for Davis, (dem.) Mayor D'Arcy said this was not in accordance with the tally sheets and the canvas made by the recorder and himself which showed Davis 155 and Collins 155, a tie. With the brazen, conscienceless effrontery of J Madison Wells a republican member of the council moved to declare Collins elected though the canvass made by a republican recorder showed the election of the other man. And these men with a sniveling full of hypocrisy and deceit, will stand on the streets and thank God they are not as other men, (democrats.) Well, democrats may well thank God they are not like these republican councilmen of Salem.

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Undivided profits	44,211.49
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