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MISSOURI STATESMEN. THE CONSERVATIVE notes that ex-Governor Blarney-

Stone of Missouri recently distinguished himself again by chasing a newspaper reporter, named Reavis, down three pairs of stairs for the purpose of carving his liver or performing heroic surgery relating to his pericardium. He has a reputation for sixteen words to one deed, and heretofore rejoiced in the distinction of having, without flaw, or default, maintained the ratio of sixteen speeches to one thought without regard to any other orator on earth. But if the knife with which Governor Stone intended to operate upon Reporter Reavis was no sharper than Governor Stone's logic the cutting would have been exceedingly shallow.

Between Stone, De Armond, Chump Clark and Col. Joe Rickey, the latter evidently, and beyond all comparison, is the most stimulative of statesmanlike utterances. A real Joe Rickey, shaken before taken, is sure to awaken in the Missouri voter genuine enthusiasm. Beside the Joe Rickey, the root-beer oratory of Chump Clark and the soft summer-soda-pop eloquence of De Armond are as skimmed milk to old rye.

THAT EDUCATIONAL FUND. THE CONSERVATIVE regards the attempt to educate the populists by contributing to The World-Herald fund at Omaha with genuine curiosity.

The institution of the fund is a confession that a majority of the people of

the United States cannot be led into fallacies without first being blindfolded.

The contributions are from people who are honest, and from those who are dishonest, in their attempts to reform the government and retrench its expenses. But a rigid analysis of the motives of the contributors scientifically made and truthfully published would, no doubt, show about sixteen seeking office to one seeking the uplifting and advancement of the republic.

Under "assumed names" all of the silver-bullion syndicates, smelter combines and refiners' guilds may humbly contribute their mites of millions of dollars. If the fund can be made large enough to educate a majority of the voters of the United States to believe that a fixed legal ratio between the coins can control and fix the relative value of the metals out of which the coins are made, Coin Harvey's school for fools will have proved a success. The financial experience of more than five centuries will have been ignored. The accepted common sense notion of ancient times that the market value of silver and gold bullion regulates the value of the coins will have been crucified on a cross of ignorance.

A POSSIBLE FORECAST.

If, after atmospheric perturbations which have commingled with tumultuous roarings, the lightning, the cyclone and the thunder, the weather-bureau observer notes rising of the barometer he generally predicts fairer weather, cloudless skies, sunshine and no wind.

There seems to be a rising barometer in and about the politics of some heretofore able and zealous supporters of fusion in the state of Nebraska. There have been thunder, lightning, and cyclone in the inkstand of Hon. Edgar Howard of Sarpy county. His pen has conducted electrical condemnation and punishment to several prominent populist office-holders.

Judge Howard has sentenced to electrocution all those alleged democrats who propose further deglutition, mastication, digestion and extrusion of the remnants of the former democracy of Nebraska by the insatiable appetite of the party of Clem Deaver, W. V. Allen, Bill Dech, Bryan and Kem.

Is it possible that Judge Howard and his followers indicate a return to principles after the storm and disaster of fusion have ceased?

HERO WORSHIP. The American people are inclined to the idolatry of individuals. No nation is exempt from the bacteria of hero-worship and every little while the United States has an epidemic outbreak thereof. Sometimes the infection arises in a yacht race and the captain of the Defender or the owner of the Puritan is temporarily an idol.

Another time the disease breaks out on the race course and Robert Bonner the owner or Bud Doble the jockey is exalted for worship.

Again it exhales from the prize ring and Corbett or Jeffries is set up as a saint for American adoration.

Recently the navy and the army have generated, in spite of canned or embalmed beef, a delirious revival of hero-worship and exalted enough idols to satiate the pious patriotism of all the most intense and zealous praise-makers of our common country. There is merit in extolling merit. It makes our children more ambitious. It inspires them to goodness and greatness.

But the heroism of private citizens in commercial life is often of the most exalted and conse-

True Heroes. crated type. The heroism of honesty in peace is as worthy of emulation as that of fortitude and courage in war. The heroism which for pride in a good name, for pride in one's own family because of its pure record and guileless history, will sacrifice hundreds of thousands of dollars to maintain the credit of a bank or other institution with which that name has been even involuntarily connected, is grander and more majestic mentally and morally than the heroism of the battlefield.

Right here in Nebraska THE CONSERVATIVE has been an eye-witness of an instance of financial and patriotic heroism which for the sake of a good name, and without legal compulsion being possible, put up voluntarily more than a million of dollars and saved many a bank and business house from failure in this young state during the panic of a few years ago. It required more grit, more character of the choicest kind, more wholesome pride, more self-abnegation than a charge upon a battery spouting bullets and shells.

The American people and especially the citizens of Nebraska are too often ignorant of the acts of heroism in their own midst most worthy of their adulation, imitation and gratitude.