

## MISSOURI SPEAKS AT THE POLLS

land now has got my full permission. It's perfectly safe."

At this moment the little "printer's devil" of the *Blade* delivered a personal telegram to Colonel Strickland. As the latter read it an expression of the deepest relief and satisfaction sprang into his face.

"Thank God!" he muttered. "I wanted that special piece of news more than anything else in all this world. Here, Thurs, just you read this, my friend!"

Colonel Todhunter took the bit of paper from Colonel Strickland's hand. The message was signed by Governor Leslie. It read:

"Due to enthusiasm caused by Tom's acquittal and the public's realization of cowardly fight made on you through him, a popular movement to raise fund covering total deficit in Strickland campaign fund was begun to-day and successfully completed at our headquarters to-night. Every dollar needed has been subscribed and paid. Reliable election returns now all in show that you are nominated by nearly 6,000 plurality. Congratulations."

Colonel Strickland laughed as gleefully as a boy