

The independent Washington Post... against Chicago Tribune's Republican sneers:

"Hark! from the tombs a doleful sound, the voice of the mummy of States rights bursting its coverments, and in weird, galvanised accents proclaiming that it still lives. 'I stand here, Mr. Speaker, to say that my State can provide its citizens with pure food by its own efforts, and that it does not need the assistance of the government at Washington.'—Chicago Tribune."

At last it has come to pass that one of the most prominent of the great Republican newspapers begins its leading editorial with a conspicuous sub- at State rights—"the mummy of State rights." If it were true that the rights not delegated to the United States, the rights "reserved to the States," had ceased to be alive, had been, in fact, mummified, the government established by and under our fundamental law, the more perfect union, which supplanted the confederation about 115 years ago, would have been absolutely destroyed.

But there is no truth in that sneer. The annihilation of the claimed right of a State to secede from the Union, so far from having destroyed or mummified State rights, has made that doctrine acceptable to conservative and patriotic citizens in all sections and of all parties. It is not marred by a solitary smirch of sectionalism. The people of the north are as sensitive as their compatriots of the south on this subject. We recall the significant fact that Pennsylvania made an indignant protest to the national government not many years ago because a company of federal soldiers or marines had been seen on the streets on an election day. The affront to Pennsylvania dignity was accidental, but the vehement resentment was decidedly intentional.

The notion that a firm adherence to the rights of States and a readiness to protest against encroachments thereon by the central authority, is incompatible with patriotism is absurd. The truest lover of his country is he who, while duly and sincerely respecting the sovereignty of the nation, and ready to take up arms in defense of it, does not forget that each of the States which constitute the great republic has a sovereignty of its own, as indisputable as that of the nation.

Whatever of progress has been made toward the mummifying of State rights is chargeable to the Republican party, in the main, for that party has, with but slight hindrances, controlled the country for 43 years. There has been a luxurious growth of paternalism, and that spirit appears to be rampant in the capital just now. The idea that the central government is bound to take a fatherly—an almost motherly—care of the people is in the ascendant. The advocates of that idea get up one scheme after another that offers the temptation of abundant pork to their opponents, and such bribes sometimes win votes. But we think the fever has run its course, that the patient's pulse, respiration and temperature will soon be normal, and that an entire recovery may be confidently looked for. This belief and hope are based on our confidence in the honesty, intelligence, and patriotism of the people.

In a New Role. In view of the violent utterances in the west, when he said that a race war was imminent in the south, it must require unlimited nerve on Senator Tillman's part to adversely criticize the newspapers of this State for alling attention to the reign of lawlessness and murder. When he was spouting fire on that spectacular trip this newspaper declared that Senator Tillman

was kindling an all-hope of bringing a desirable class of immigrants to this State by his alarming speeches. The same opinion was held by others. We called attention to the fact that he was placing obstacles in the way of the immigration societies and the industrial departments of railroads, and this same view was held by the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, which has done so much for the development of the South.

The senior senator from South Carolina now comes forth in a new role and attacks the press for preaching against crime. He says that we will frighten away the immigrants. Must we keep our mouth shut, permitting the murderous bands to sweep and rule the State, simply to bring in a few people? Murders are committed in every State, but race wars are not an every-day occurrence. Senator Tillman hoisted the red flag of danger, and talked about the notorious conditions because he was paid so much for every lecture. But the press has voiced the sentiment of the decent, law-abiding people in protesting against the disgrace of the commonwealth, and it did so, believing that it was performing a public service, and not because there was a reward. The bad record has been growing worse since the dispensary law was first put into effect. It has likewise been due to the weak politicians who have been elected to public offices, and nearly all of these men are disciples of Tillman. So when we think of these things, there is not much credit for our distinguished statesman, and few of us will have any faith in his sincerity when we remember that he first made speeches which were accepted by the immigrants as a warning to keep away from South Carolina. — Greenville News.



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