

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1887. SOME DIFFERENCE.

The Portland Evening Democrat, an interesting collection of uncredited local reprint, has, occasionally, a new editorial, which is not good, and, occasionally, a good editorial which is not new.

In one of the former class the Democrat attempts justification of the president in his refusal to do justice to Oregon and Washington in the matter of river and harbor improvements.

The article referred to is here published in full:

CHANGE OF TIDE.

President Cleveland's "pocket veto" of the river and harbor bill on constitutional grounds struck dumb with surprise a large portion of the people. The rapid transit of the ship of state on the Republican centralization schedule had in twenty-five years almost made the people forget that there are such sacred and important things as constitutional limitations upon the power of congress, and the very name of "state rights" had almost become a mere memory. The assertion by the president of the proposition that the little state creeks were not the subjects of congressional appropriation has made the people scratch their heads like old Rip Van Winkle and to begin to remember that the glory of our freedom is the constitutional limitations of the great central federal power. That power is intended for the protection of the masses, but it is inherently so great that it might, if unchecked, turn into oppression. Already the masses of the people everywhere since Republican rule began have learned to look with dislike upon the federal courts and to dub them the railroad barons' courts. So the land offices all over the country have until recently always decided favorably to the great corporations. And so with most of the other branches and arms of the government. The idea was getting prevalent with the unthinking that Uncle Sam's government could do anything, and we were rapidly drifting away to the sea of uncertainty and unlimited federal power where every right of the citizen would be subject to the wishes of the railroad barons through the various arms and departments of the government. Now, however, thoughtful men are raising the note of alarm and the tide has changed. Under the impetus of Democratic ascendancy we are slowly drifting back to the safe constitutional moorings of the fathers of the great republic.

If the above means anything, it is a statement that the president refused an appropriation to the needs of the Nation, because it was his duty as a Democrat to do so.

Waiving any suggestion of the probable effect of such an argument in Oregon on the result in this state in November, '88, it is interesting to note in general, the inconsistency of statement and act.

There is much in true Democratic doctrine to admire and an observance of many Democratic tenets are a good thing for the republic. If Democratic congressmen and alleged Democratic newspaper men adhered more rigidly to pure Democratic doctrine it would be a good thing for the Nation.

But they don't. Take the interstate commerce law! Passed by a Democratic majority in the national legislature, it is as un-Democratic a piece of legislation as could well be conceived.

To an unprejudiced mind it would seem that here was a splendid chance to assert true Democratic doctrine by defeating that bill.

For one hundred years there has been a perpetual encroachment of the national government on the powers and prerogatives of the states. The result has been an inordinate increase in the powers and importance of the former, and a proportionate decrease in the powers and importance of the latter. The checks and balances of government, constructed carefully and laboriously one hundred years ago, have been swept away, and the state governments are sinking to the insignificance of municipalities. The passage of the interstate commerce bill is another long and radical step in the same direction. Unless this law is repealed the railroad systems will no longer look to or care for the state governments. Their money, their lobbies and their interests will be in Washington. Their dangerous power, which is divided now among thirty-eight states, will be

concentrated on the national government.

All this means the further decline in importance of the state governments. It means more than this. The railway department of the federal government will grow with the growth of a parasite. It will become a department, and claim a representative in the cabinet. In it will be concentrated the irresponsible power which the government will have over the railways of America—a business interest involving unlimited wealth, and subject to great losses and gains upon slight interferences by the government. All the other departments cannot equal in importance that department, which, fifty years hence, will superintend the railways. And yet, a Democratic house of representatives supported a bill which is diametrically opposed to fundamental Democratic principles. The leaders of that party did not know, or did not care for the principles of the party. They bent their necks to the yoke of political expediency, and thought that adroit politics would do more for their party than a farsighted statesmanship. They abandoned the Democratic doctrine that the least governed people are the best governed people, and that a rapidly centralizing government is dangerous to the republican institutions of America. They advocated measures that go to the extreme limit of the principles of government as advocated by federalists for one hundred years. It is difficult to imagine a more un-Democratic piece of legislation than this interstate commerce bill. Had such a bill been presented in the days when Jefferson, or Jackson, or Seymour, or Tilden guided the party, a united Democracy would be found opposed to it. The mere reading of such a bill in a Democratic house of representatives should have been enough to cause the Democratic patriarchs to turn over in their graves and groan. The present leaders of that party have abandoned the faith of their fathers and proved recreant to the trust confided in them by the masses of their party. Perhaps it is useless, yet it is pertinent here to quote the words of Mr. Tilden, the greatest statesman that the Democratic party has produced since Jefferson. In 1871 he said, speaking of the principles of the Democratic party: "Its creed is composed of two ideas; first, to limit as much as possible all governmental power, enlarging always and everywhere the domain of individual judgement and action; secondly, to throw back the governmental powers necessary to be exercised as much as possible upon the states and the localities, approaching in every case the individuals to be affected. These ideas dominate over the Democratic party, and find in it their best representatives. The opposite ideas—to meddle with everything properly belonging to individuals, and to centralize all government powers—express the tendencies of the Republican party. Under their inspiration the federal government is rapidly seizing upon all the powers of human society. It has assumed to regulate the suffrage, and threatens to take the control of all elections. It perverts the power to raise revenue into a means of dictating what kind of business men shall employ their labor and capital in, of giving bounties and granting monopolies, of enriching favored classes by impoverishing the people. It has drawn within its power all the banks, it has begun to create insurance corporations, and it yearns to take jurisdiction of all railroad companies. Its career of usurpation, if continued a few years longer, will involve all the business, all the contracts, and all the property of individuals, and will populate Washington with the lobbies of thirty-seven states."

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life to the Republic. But it regrets that the failure of Oregon and Washington to receive necessary appropriations for the Columbia and other rivers should be the first wave in the "Change of Tide" of which the Democrat discourses. It is a matter of regret that the requisite evidence of Democratic resurrection of principle should come in such an unwelcome shape as the recent severe blow to Oregon and Washington. Let us devoutly hope that the next wave of the Democratic tide will whelm the hopes of some other part of the country than this. Another such "wave" would be extremely disastrous in this neck of woods.

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