

A part of Senator Vest's speech made in the Senate March 18th., when Hoke Smith was attacked because of the delay in opening up for settlement the Uncompagore Reservation:

"I am sorry to say it, but there seems to be a disposition on the part of the present administration to treat the Western people as if they were in a condition of pupillage; that they do not know their own rights and their own interests, and that they must be informed, ex cathedra, by the East in regard to what is best for them and what should be done for them. Even the president of the United States lately, on a missionary occasion, spoke of the West as the land of immorality and crime. He stood within the ghastly light of the hell-holes of the rumsellers of New York blazing upon him, and cantingly said home missions must be used to civilize and Christianize the men who have left their homes in the civilized East and gone out amongst the mountains and valleys of the wild and woolley West."

"Our president stood with Rev. Dr. Talmage on one side and the Rev. Sheldon Jackson on the other, and gave us a new version of that blessed missionary hymn which we have heard so often in our childhood:

"From Montana's sinful mountains.

"From Utah's wicked plains.

"They call us to deliver

"Our land from error's chains."

There was long and loud laughter as Vest repeated the lines in tones of intense sarcasm. He then continued:

"We are told by high ecclesiastical authority, that his excellency has lately laid down his honors at the feet of Jesus. I am glad to know it. It has been the general impression of the democratic party that mugwumps and incense burners have got all those honors and intend to keep them. I have respect for the Christian religion and missions at home and abroad, but, Mr. President, it is a slander upon the men who, with rifle in one hand and an ax in the other, have gone out and blazed the pathway of civilization in those Western wilds. I am a Western man; I went to Missouri when it was a frontier, in sight of the Indian and the buffalo. I have lived there nearly 50 years, and I say to our president now that if he will interrupt hunting ducks in North Carolina and silver democrats in Kentucky long enough to come out, we will show him a God-fearing and respecting, law abiding people; we will show him churches in which there is real and unassuming piety. Our church spires may not reach so near to heaven as those of the East, and our church organs may not have the mellifluous tones of these in the East, but our people are worthy of the respect of any administration.

"But I do not rise for the purpose of again criticising the administration. I rose to say most emphatically that this habit of secretaries, or members of the cabinet, of deliberately tramping upon the laws of congress and refusing to carry them out, has gone to an extent which demands immediate notice at the hands of the legislative department of this government."

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