

GROWTH OF FEDERALISM.

The caution against extremes is often made; the danger of them has often been pointed out, in government as well as in other affairs. But the caution can scarcely be too frequently urged in these days, or the danger too persistently pointed out. Some of our democratic ancestors, or elder brothers or predecessors, went too far to one extreme in their idea of "State rights;" modern law-makers and jurists and officials have gone fully as far toward the other extreme, in locating the source of almost all power in the general government.

Both ideas are wrong, or may become so, when carried into practice to far. The plan of our government, as too power delegated to the central or general government and that reserved to the states is nicely poised, yet with support and range enough for needful play; but too much power claimed or exercised by either, such is likely to destroy the functions of the other, must lead to disaster, if not destruction.

The powers claimed for the States by the secessionists—whose doctrine was more or less prevalent from 1850 to 1865, first in New England and then in the South—was one which, however much justified, negatively by the constitution, was subversive and destructive of the Union, and of the whole plan and system of government, and it had to be crushed. This operation took four years of war, and the ultra States-rights idea was to all practical purposes annihilated. But quite naturally, the law-makers and those who interpreted and executed the laws began to swing toward the other extreme, and the powers of the State and those "reserved to the people" have been gradually appropriated and exercised—and generally not to benefit but to oppress—by the federal government, to such an extent that even Hamilton could scarce have asked any more. All that is needed to make this a monarchy is a President with a life term, and succession in office. And this proposition is not a whit more unconstitutional, more abhorrent, or more alarming, than those discussed now in Congress and the press, and advocated by a large proportion of the republican party leaders and organs.

Congress proposes to establish uniform marriage and divorce laws for the States. It proposes to take the trials of criminals into the United States courts—and in fact has done so in several cases, notably that of the murderer of David Terry, in California. It proposes to regulate State elections by having some sort of a partisan board of federal spies, informants and censors, so that the inhabitants of a State will be practically compelled to elect men in Congress in sympathy with the reigning monarchy at Washington.

We have many examples here in Oregon of the extent to which a federal court dare go interfering with State affairs—even the matter of State taxation to raise State revenue, which it would seem ought to be exclusively a State affair if anything is; but even such a law has been nullified by an injunction from a federal court.

These are only a few illustrations of the clutch of the federal octopus upon the real and just State rights or reserved rights of the people. The advance made toward the most extreme ideas of federalism, and toward a meddlesome, prying and tyrannical centralization, when one looks back a century, is astounding and alarming.

If due progress is made in the same direction, it will not be long till we can not collect a note, or punish a horse-thief, or scarcely make a contract without the authority of, or paying tribute to, or being in fear of some federal spy or officer.

It is time to turn back from the other extreme—East Oregonian.

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