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The Nation's Life and Progress.

There is no fact which strikes the student of the political history of our country with more force than the constant and irresistible tendency of the people towards national unity.

During their entire colonial existence the people of this country were, in fact, a constituent and organic portion of the British Empire, but the necessities of their condition, their common dangers and wants, the contiguity of the territory they inhabited, their mutual commerce, the intermarriage of their children, their common language, and their common sufferings from British tyranny, had already developed the germ of a separate and vigorous national life.

The Declaration of Independence was a formal assertion of the fact of the national existence. As a nation the people fought the war of the Revolution, and vindicated their independence. The instinct of union prompted to a more powerful and consistent National Government, and the Constitution of 1787 was formed.

And here, in the very opening sentence, the key-note of the whole instrument was sounded—"We the people of the United States." It was the national life asserting its sovereignty in the creation of a great national organ of government.

No wonder that the advocates of State sovereignty took the alarm when they read those significant words. "What right," said one of them, "had the Convention to say, we the people instead of we the States? If the States be not the agents of this compact, it must be one great consolidated national government of the people of all the States."

The development of our country since the adoption of the Constitution has augmented the power of the national life. All our great physical enterprises have served to bind us together more firmly as one people.

At last, the great war of the Rebellion came upon us—a direct attack upon the national integrity and life. It was repelled and subdued by the nation—the true national life revealing and vindicating itself in the most sublime and inspiring manner.

There is in this growth of national feeling a tendency to conform all our institutions to the true germ of our national life. That germ is to be found in the doctrine of liberty and equality enunciated in the Declaration of Independence.

It is the effort to prevent the realization of the true national ideal that now agitates the country. The remnants of the old slave system still encumber the track of progress.

The debris of the Rebellion is in the way. All these things must and will be removed. The nation will not be thwarted in its sublime and holy purpose.

Political Thimberigging.

MR. COWAN made a long speech in the Senate on Tuesday, in regard to the condition of the Rebel States.— "He denied the doctrine that the State Governments were destroyed by the act of secession and asserted that it was subversive of the principles upon which the Constitution was formed.

The above is a pretty fair specimen of what passes for "statesmanship" and a knowledge of constitutional law in conservative quarters. The assumption that lies at the bottom of all these fallacies is that a State cannot really do what it cannot legally do.

A Neglect at Once to be Remedied. We desire to call the attention of the Mayor, or probably the Fire Marshal, to the fact that no steps have been taken to prevent the various fire-plugs freezing up during the coming cold weather.

RISTORI AS "LADY MACBETH." The attempted rendition into Italian, by Giulio Cascano, of Shakespeare's sublime tragedy of Macbeth is a complete abortion, resulting only in a mutilated semblance of one of the grandest efforts of the immortal bard.

THE UNDERIGNED, TREASURER of the Organized Company of persons interested in and opposed to selling the GERMAN LETTERS AND BOOKS, now under the State, but can never lay her mailed hand upon him, and drag him forth to judgment.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS. Good from December 23, 1866, to January 2, 1867, will be issued at reduced rates between all stations on the main road and branches.

THE PRESS CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA—THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET, December 22, 1866. Active and Contributing Members desiring tickets can procure them of the Committee, at the Club Rooms, No. 615 CHESTNUT street.

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the 4th of March next, the State of Pennsylvania will no longer be misrepresented by one whose treachery to principle is only equalled by his quackery in statesmanship.

The Nebraska Case.

THE bill for the admission of Nebraska was further discussed in the Senate yesterday. There is a division of sentiment among the Republicans in regard to insisting upon the elimination of the word "white" from the Constitution of the proposed State as a prerequisite to her admission.

The precedent may as well be established now, that no State can hereafter obtain admission to the Union with any despotic or anti-republican features in its Constitution.

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