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It remains to be considered whether the concentration of all power in the hands of the Federal Government would be likely to preserve or imperil the existence of the equality of the people. To my mind, in the future looks more certain than that it would not only imperil but ultimately destroy it. I do not think it possible that it could long endure under such a system. What the end might be given to the public, money, or property, or federation—its true name would be despotism. There never was a greater mistake than to suppose that a government of despotic powers is alone able to govern a great people. The history of the world is the history of the proposition, "The nearer the truth, the very magnitude of a country, diversified in its interests and in the habits, usages, customs, and traditions of its people, makes local self-governments an indispensable necessity." The wisdom of the States the Federal Government would have been its own. And whenever they shall cease to exist, or shall become but a name, the foundations of the republic will have crumbled away and the equality they supported will hasten to its fall. I cannot repress a feeling of amazement when I see men whose ability and patriotism I cannot deny straining every nerve to extend the jurisdiction of the Congress over matters of the most local importance in the country. It could possibly be either right or wrong for the purely local law of a State to be made by the representatives of other States. And I cannot but marvel at the blindness that does not perceive that a Congress of representatives would be the most corrupt body on earth, and fall to pieces from that corruption.

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But it is time to bring this discourse to a close. I have endeavored to point out some of the dangers that menace the duration of the republic, and to weigh their importance as they have been presented. I have endeavored to show that the most corrupt body on earth, and fall to pieces from that corruption.

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"We cannot help regarding it as something not accidental that Gov. Blair should take an opportunity to make a stump speech on 'State Rights,' which had no relation whatever to the day or the hour; and that our esteemed neighbor, Mr. Rogers, should outrage the feelings of the audience by his speech, by saying that the speeches of the present year were much better than the speeches of last year, chiefly because they were more 'conservative' conservative, that is, Democratic. Now all we have to say is we heard last year's speeches, and we do not remember that there was any allusion to political questions at all, in any of the speeches of that day, while on Wednesday there was scarcely anything else."

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