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WHAT DOES "UNITED STATES" MEAN?

The arguments in the Porto Rico and Philippine cases have been made in the United States supreme court and the cases have been submitted for the final adjudication of the court. To the ordinary lay mind the constitutional question involved appears quite simple. It becomes complex and difficult only when the lawyers begin quoting authorities and decisions whose relevancy the lay mind is unable to determine. As to the question involved there can be no doubt. It all hinges on the meaning of the first clause of the eighth section of the first article of the constitution, which reads as follows:

"The congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imports and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States, but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

Reduced to still more concise dimensions the thing to be determined is, What did the framers of the constitution mean by the term "United States?" When this has been determined the controversy would seem to be at an end. It was "We the people of the United States" that "ordained and established" the constitution. Who were "we?" There can be only one answer. It was only the people of the states united who were privileged to vote on the adoption of the constitution.

At the time of its adoption in 1788 we owned, outside the states themselves, the vast national domain lying between the Allegheny mountains and the Mississippi river. A year before the adoption of the constitution the part of this domain lying north of the Ohio river, and comprising the present states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, had been organized by the famous ordinance of 1787 into the Northwest Territory, with a regular territorial government. But no resident of that territory, or of the territory south of the Ohio had any voice in "ordaining or establishing" the constitution.

The constitution was thus ordained and ratified by the people of the states that comprised the Union and by them only, and from that hour to this the people of the territories never have had a voice in making, ratifying, amending or operating the constitution. To a lay mind, therefore, capable of construing a plain English sentence, and not befogged by the subtleties of the law, it would appear that the term United States means the states united and nothing more.

Matters of great and far-reaching importance to Oregon have been and still are before the United States senate. Yet Senator Simon remains in Oregon, attending to his own private interests and, incidentally, for Joseph is very far from being a philanthropist—to the interests of his political party and dupe, "the old man of the sea." Yet the big Portland papers say never a word. But O, my countrymen, if McBride had acted that way, wouldn't these papers have roasted him from hades to breakfast and from Dan to Beersheba?

Oh for a chance for the people to get a direct whack at Corbett and his gang of grafters! The result would be worse than it was in Portland last June when the gang named the republican ticket, and a county that rolled up a majority of 5000 for McKinley mopped the earth with it.

The Portland organ of Mr. Corbett, when it copies from the Baker City Republican, should not claim the views of that paper as the sentiment of the people of Eastern Oregon. Col. Alley is too well known for his

opinion to have much weight, and it is well understood that he is more interested in his own mouth than in the mouth of the Columbia.

Hon. Henry W. Corbett, of Portland, is reputed to be a rich man, a very rich man, and therein lies his strength as a candidate for United States senator. It is useless to disguise the fact that if Mr. Corbett were worth \$10,000, or even \$100,000, no one would have thought seriously of choosing him to represent the people of Oregon at Washington at this critical time in the history of the state. But he is a millionaire and wants the senatorship, and he has but to press the button and the fly-wheel begins to turn and the machinery to move, and in a twinkling the whole mechanism is whirring and buzzing. Professional politicians are scouring the state, legislators are slipping into Portland on free passes in ones and twos and threes, and drifting into the back parlors of the First National bank. So it is said a tremendous commotion is stirred up by the liberal use of money and the favorite and well-known methods of the Portland managers. And by the time the legislature assembles we will perceive that body in a ferment of excitement over the question whether enough members have been prevailed upon to go into secret caucus and submit to the shameful prostitution that marks the process by which the rich man reached the goal of his ambition.

Senator Simon ought to be fired bodily from the United States senatorship. He leaves his seat vacant in the United States senate and remains at Portland to help in the election of H. W. Corbett. Meantime, the democrats consider it of sufficient importance to gain another vote there to have Chas. A. Towne qualify as senator from Minnesota and take his seat, although it will be but a few days more or less that he can hold under the governor's appointment before his successor is elected by the republican legislature. The questions upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Nicaragua canal bill, the army bill, and the river and harbor bill will all have been disposed of in the senate while Simon is absent from his post of duty. Great questions these, and of tremendous importance to the people of Oregon, and every republican vote is needed in the senate. But Simon lingers at home and busies himself with the petty intrigues and corruptions of factional politics. If McBride had stayed at home as Simon has done, the air around the Oregonian tower would have been sulphurous as the fumes of Vesuvius.

The Hickory Ridge Missourian is in favor of reorganization with a vengeance. It says: "We are in favor of reorganizing the democratic party or abolishing the whole shooting match. When it's got so that we haven't any principles of our own and have to take them second hand from a lot of Kansas and Nebraska cranks and granddaddy long-legs with yellow hair and their pants in their boots, who don't know anything but free silver and calamity hooting, it's time, by jingo, to call a new deal! We're tired of holding the sack for the republican snipe hunters. It's going to be a blamed, long, cold winter for us this year. Wood, coal, and corn cobs wanted on subscription, and wanted right now!"

America is likely to be confronted with the question whether it is willing to give up a portion of Alaska to England for the sake of fortifying a canal which can be very well guarded by our floating fortresses. It is sincerely to be hoped that the administration will clearly understand that it was elected upon the understanding that it stood for no surrender of territory once gained, says the Astorian.

The Eldridge block at Salem, where Jonathan Bourne and Joseph Simon herded the members of the hold-up legislature in 1897, will probably be the scene of a high old time during the coming session. Pliable members will find Doc Keene in attendance, ready and eager to introduce them to that grand old man, H. W. Corbett, "who has often

expressed a desire to form your acquaintance."

The Clatsop county court has instructed the county treasurer to remit to the state treasurer the scalp bounty tax for 1899, amounting to \$660.34. In this connection it is quite pertinent to suggest that the county court of Crook county might profit by the example of its brother of Clatsop.

Senator Simon stayed in Washington when he should have been at home, and now he is at home when he should be in Washington.

LOST CREEK LYRETS.

A Bunch of Bright Brevities from the Columns of That Huzzling Journal.

Billy Byers has returned from his trip to Denver and hopes to be able to leave his bed in a day or two.

In the society department of a Denver paper we note that bustles are again coming in fashion. Old papers for sale at this office in bunches of any size.

Old Simon Buckley, who lost one eye from a blast in the Holy Moses mine a few weeks ago, came mighty near losing the other one in the Homer hotel last Monday night. A woman, a hatpin and a keyhole figured in the incident.

At the marriage of Hank Cates and Ella Harding on Goose creek the other day the blushing bride passed a subscription paper to raise funds to erect a tombstone over the remains of her late husband. A good round sum was subscribed, and she hopes to now be able to pay due tribute to the memory of her recent loved one.

Cyrus Hand and Mary Somer came over from Methodist Mountain yesterday to be married, and Judge Jenkins tied the knot in the latest approved style. In the spirit of jocularly for which he is noted his honor whispered in the ear of the bride, just after bestowing the judicial kiss, that he had never spliced a Hand-Somer couple.

In the trial of a mining case in our justice's court last Wednesday a young sprig of the law from Denver, with enlarged ideas of the latitude to which attorneys are entitled in court, called Judge Jenkins a "pettifogging liar." A moment later he left the temple of justice with a head enlarged to more comfortably accommodate said ideas.

At the swa-ree given by Mrs. Jack Millett last Thursday evening in honor of her reconciliation with her divorced husband the hostess wore a mustard-colored gown that was pronounced to be the smartest thing in the frock line ever seen in this camp. Jack was not present, having been detained uptown celebrating the event with the boys.

Daisy Black, who ran away with a Denver drummer a few weeks ago, returned home last evening with nothing to show for her escapade but a tear-stained marriage certificate and a black eye. She will go to Cripple Creek next week and file an application for divorce, and expresses the sincere hope that the next fellow that gets the matrimonial drop on her may be a gentleman.

Hank Devlin, of Methodist Mountain, who was married last week to that dashing young widow from Denver, came over yesterday to see if he couldn't have Mrs. Devlin arrested for obtaining a husband under false pretenses. When Mr. Lyre man asked him for particulars of the crime he shut up like a startled clam and refused to talk, further than to throw out a vague hint that a woman should never be judged by the shape of the clothes she wears.—Denver Post.

Something New.

Just published by the Southern Pacific Co., is a pamphlet upon the resources of Western Oregon, which includes an excellent map of the state, and contains information on climate, lands, education, etc., existing industries and their capabilities. Attention is also directed to such new fields for energy or capital as promise fair return. This publication fills a need long experienced by Oregonians in replying to inquiries of eastern friends. Copies may be had of local agent for Southern Pacific Co., or from C. H. MARRHAM, G. P. A.

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**Cure for Morphine Habit.**  
Great interest has been aroused in medical circles in Germany, says a Berlin dispatch to the London Chronicle, by the discovery by Dr. Otto Emmerich, of Baden-Baden, of a specific against morphia poisoning and that peculiar form of disorder known in Germany as "morphinismus." The increasing use of morphia among a considerable section of society has been lately exciting much attention, and medical men have been unable to prescribe any efficient remedy. It is claimed for Dr. Emmerich's discovery that it has proved infallible in the numerous cases in which it has been applied. It is distilled vegetable oil of intense acidity, two or three drops of which are taken internally daily. After a cure, extending from three to six weeks, patients acquire an intense loathing for the use of the morphia needle.

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