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THE DOCTRINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

The Anglo-Saxon race belongs to the great Germanic family and is a fair exponent of its peculiarities. The Anglo-Saxon struggles for self-government and self-development in every country and land where he makes his home and plants his family. He insists upon popular government, the right to select his ruler or his representative. These are the rich, mellow fruits of the rugged struggles of the sturdy Anglo-Saxon race wherever civil rights and political liberty have been secured by constitutional guarantees established by its descendants.

The men who founded this state and adopted its constitution indulged in no idle rhetoric when they wrote the preamble to our organic government, a constitution which they designed as the mausoleum upon which our civil rights and political liberties should stand and withstand every assault of despotism, tyranny and usurpation.

The power to enforce and defend representative government when assailed by any of the most subtle types of usurpation is just as much a part of the Anglo-Saxon virtues as the power to create, determine and establish constitutional liberty.

The doctrines of constitutional government are fundamental and descended to us from the old Germanic race whose stalwart individualism has asserted and perpetuated itself in the constitution of the state. This is our guarantee for the right to exercise individual choice in selecting our rulers and representatives in harmony with positive constitutional methods which cannot be overturned, usurped or abolished without the action of all the people.

Will Harve Scott, Corbett or Lord please inform us when our people, in state convention assembled, abolished our constitutional method of electing United States senators by the legislature, we ask to know? Will these same usurpers of the rights and powers reserved and ordained as legislative functions by our people kindly tell us when did our state in convention amend our constitution to relieve our legislature of the responsible duty set forth in mandatory terms in that constitution that they shall proceed to elect United States senators at certain fixed intervals? Will Harve Scott, the vile mouthpiece of his cabal, advise us when and in what terms have our people clothed William P. Lord with power and authority to appoint an United States senator because the legislature was in rebellion against our constitution?

Nor is this all. Will Governor Lord inform our people upon what authority he has removed the offending members of our despised railroad commission without allegations of misdemeanors? If our governor can remove one of these offensive commissioners in spite of the legislature which created that sinecure for bankrupt politicians, then manifestly he can remove them all and abolish that railroad commission, that political fungus, altogether, an act devoutly to be wished and one to which he pledged himself in the platform upon which he was elected. But will our governor dare attempt to execute a legislative pledge to expiate his former crimes of usurpation in appointing an United States senator, for which he has no authority whatever in the premises, by commit-

ting other acts of usurpation as an atonement for his former offenses distinguished alike by his contempt for our constitution and the expressed wishes of our people? Is this the doctrine of the constitutional government which our governor was sworn to administer, support and defend? Can our governor be ignorant of the fact that the constitution of the United States, which he has sworn to support, has clothed certain tribunals and officers in each state with ample power whereby each in his turn performing his appropriate and constitutional function would enable the wheels of government to revolve in proper order, thus securing every right not only to our people but to our state in so far as representatives in the United States senate is concerned? Nay, it has done more, it has laid its hands on the individual conscience of our governor and made it his individual duty, solemnized by his oath, to support every provision of the constitution of the United States which in whatever affects our state is mandatory and imperative upon him, and hence he is equally bound under state and national constitutions with equal force to enforce the same.

Will our governor deny that the constitution of the United States utters its behests in the name and by the authority of the people, or will he deny that the constitution of the United States makes its own preservation depend on his individual duty to enforce our state constitution to the letter and upon his individual obligation to do so? Will our governor be heard to assert that the state of Oregon can omit to select United States senators and in the manner provided by our constitution? This blunderer must know that it is not a matter resting in state discretion or state pleasure no more than is the method of selection of United States senators discretionary with our governor for he has executed his oath to administer our state constitution which provides that our senators at certain intervals shall be elected by the legislature, and therefore cannot be appointed by him without usurping: is powers the exercise of which are imperative and mandatory, obligations laid upon our legislature by that constitution which he is bound to enforce. Has he used his constitutional powers, solemnly enjoined upon him by his oath, to secure that legislative action for electing an United States senator as required by our constitution? His bogus certificate to seat Corbett in the United States senate must constitute his answer.

Will our governor claim that there is any constitutional authority under heaven which has provided him as a substitute whose duty it is to appoint an United States senator from this state to fill a vacancy caused by the failure of the legislature of Oregon to choose a senator at the time and in the manner provided by our constitution which makes it their duty and not his to do so? Here again is the hand of supreme authority laid upon our governor's conscience to see that the laws, of which our constitution is the supreme, shall be faithfully executed. Has our governor kept his oath?

Let the United States senate make answer in three cases, each of which is identical and parallel to our Oregon failure, settled in the United States senate in 1893 and fixed for all time to come by a decisive vote of seven majority, that no governor can successfully undertake to revolutionize the United States senate by appointing corrupt millionaires through the usurpation of legislative powers, to say nothing of their conspiracies to break up state governments.

If Governor Lord's political method of seating an United States senator did not in the nature of things threaten to become an increasing and perpetual evil, tempting millionaires to assault our constitutional government, our people might condone the offense of the Scott-Corbett nullifiers, but we believe it is an evil which should be met as Andrew Jackson met those nullifiers of South Carolina, with the *terrorem* of the halter.

The genius of our institutions and laws is against all acts of nullification or circumvention of our constitution. All such political proceedings by whomsoever perpetrated, constitute a flagrant violation of our doctrines of constitutional government. Therefore the doctrines of the founders of our constitutional government are at war with the careers of Scott, Lord and Corbett who have attempted to obstruct the legisla-

tive highway of our government and block the exercise of constitutional functions and duties which are as essential to the existence of this great fabric of constitutional government as light and moisture are to the beautiful colors of the rainbow or as the breath of heaven is to life itself.

If our people will not stamp Harve Scott's doctrine of nullification, nihilism and anarchy with the seal of their condemnation and rebuke, if they shall not stamp out this dangerous precedent and shut and bar Governor Lord's unconstitutional door through which he threatens to pass his Cataline to the United States senate by his spurious certificate, then as surely as effect follows cause just such storms as have for hundreds of years past deluged the earth will finally reverse the divine order of peace and beat plowshares into swords and pruning hooks into spears, and bring the offenders of constitutional government to the edge of that abyss in whose lurid future loom up the elements of a terrific war provoked and instigated by the precedents, by the careers, of H. W. Scott, William P. Lord and Henry W. Corbett whose revolution if triumphant in every state of the Union would work the disintegration and ruin of constitutional government in the United States, if not throughout the civilized world.

After the death of Andrew Jackson nullification of constitutions and laws in the single state of South Carolina was tolerated and its condonation cost this nation five thousand millions of dollars and five hundred thousand lives. Since that fatal example of indifference and neglect Oregon is the fourth state in the Union to attempt a system of nullification of state constitutions to seat millionaires in the United States senate three of which were eternally met at the doors of that United States senate in 1893 and were rebuked by the unmistakable action of that distinguished body. Now in the face of all the facts will our nullifiers, Scott, Corbett and Lord be successful? We pause to hear their reply.

AN EMPTY CHALLENGE

There is something wild and woolly about the following challenge to Austin Craig, editor of the Washington County Hatchet, a strong advocate of ex-Senator Mitchell. It is published by the editor of the Portland Chronicle.

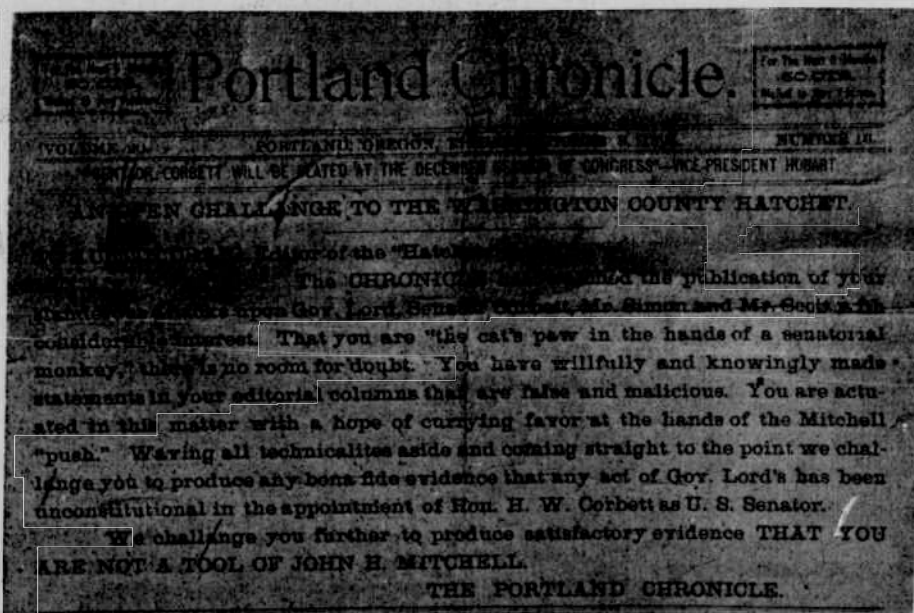
"The Chronicle has watched the publication of slanderous attacks upon Gov. Lord, Senator Corbett, Mr. Simon and Mr. Scott with considerable interest. That you are 'the cat's paw in the hands of a senatorial monkey,' there is no room for doubt. You have willfully and knowingly made statements in your editorial columns that are false and malicious. You are actuated in this matter with a hope of currying favor at the hands of the Mitchell 'push.' Waving all technicalities aside and coming straight to the point we challenge you to produce any bona fide evidence that any act of Gov. Lord's has been unconstitutional in the appointment of Hon. H. W. Corbett as U. S. Senator.

U. S. Senator.

We challenge you further to produce satisfactory evidence that you are not a tool of John H. Mitchell.

THE PORTLAND CHRONICLE." If the editor of the Hatchet should accept this challenge and prove that Gov. Lord's appointment was unconstitutional it would not have any effect on the mind of the editor of the Chronicle. Mr. Craig might prove Gov. Lord physically, mentally and morally incompetent to hold the office of Governor, but Lord would continue in the office as long as there was a salary in it. Lord is not acting as governor for his health, as was conclusively proven when he personally delivered to Woodpile Corbett the senatorial commission behind closed doors in the Portland hotel. Governors do not make lackeys of themselves unless there is something in it.

No proof of political suicide is necessary in the case of Gov. Lord.—Astoria Evening News, Oct. 11.



CORBETT'S CHRONICLE.

We have the time but neither the space nor disposition to contend with such dead ducks as the Chronicle in whose editorial of October eighth are found such evidences of his gross ignorance and illiteracy as the following:

Will the editor of the Chronicle dare to deny that for and in consideration of the collectorship of internal revenue he would sell his influence in support of a candidate for the United States senate? Will he assert that he did not, when his proposition had been rejected and dismissed, at once issue his publication of the portrait of H. W. Corbett, as the Chronicle's candidate for United States senator, and in his service has continued to this day? If he does make such denial then he has furnished another item of evidence that he is an irreformable liar whom we now dismiss for the second time as absolutely unworthy of our notice.

It is of no moment to the state what the editor of the Chronicle may do or say but it is becoming a matter of intense interest to our people what Harve Scott, Corbett and Lord have done, and it is this important matter that has enlisted the HATCHET to the end of the war, all threats of our ruin to the contrary notwithstanding.

GOV. LORD "TURNS GEEK DOWN."

Dr. Lane, through the columns of the Oregonian, charges that a grocery firm in the city of Salem, Oregon, some years ago was not very honorable in its dealings with the asylum while in Dr. Lane's

charge. The Oregonian constantly refers to this. It charges that Hon. I. L. Patterson was a member of the firm, and is asking Senator Patterson to explain.

If this charge of Dr. Lane's was true, it is against the firm of Gilbert & Patterson. Gilbert was the senior member. If there was anything not right in the dealings of the firm with the state institution, Mr. Gilbert certainly was responsible for it, and knew something about it. It was before Gov. Lord's administration. As Gov. Lord was a resident of Salem he must have known something about it.

After Governor Lord's election, Mr. Geer applied to him for two or three different positions. The Governor "turned Mr. Geer down," not once, not twice but three times. He was not even willing to give him a clerkship worth \$100 a month. But it is not the worst of it.

Mr. Geer was a candidate for superintendent of the penitentiary. He presented strong endorsements. His petition was signed by various leading republicans, a part of the present congressional delegation was active in endeavoring to secure some recognition for Mr. Geer. The other applicant for this place was A. N. Gilbert, the senior member of the firm of Gilbert & Patterson, whom the Oregonian charges with swindling the state. Gov. Lord not only "turned Geer down" but appointed A. N. Gilbert.

He not only appointed him at the beginning of his administration, but he keeps him there. He keeps him at the head of one of the state institutions, where he can, not only as a member of the firm of Gilbert & Patterson sell groceries to the state, but where as super-

intendent of that institution he can pass upon and examine the purchases. He puts him in charge of one of the institutions that the Oregonian charges he had helped to swindle. Either the Oregonian and Dr. Lane's charges are outrageously false, or Gov. Lord is very culpable. The Oregonian should call upon Gov. Lord to explain. It is time the people heard from him.—Oregon City Enterprise.

A new political character appears upon the horizon of Oregon, brought forth in the columns of the East Portland Chronicle. The editor has announced him by name. To us he is a stranger, of his qualities we know not. The Chronicle to distinguish him from other men has called him Simon. Will the Chronicle please tell us who Mr. Simon is?

'VARSITY ITEMS

Miss Garretson, a missionary recently returned from China, gave a very interesting talk before the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday afternoon at their regular meeting.

Mr. Rowen, a lawyer of Castle Rock, spent Sunday with his daughter, Miss Lucile, a student of T. A.

Nineteen members were taken into the Y. W. C. A. at their last meeting. This certainly is a healthy growth.

Miss Farnham will give a talk to the Philomatheans Thursday afternoon on the subject "A Day in Hampton Court."

Gamma Sigma will debate the following question at their regular Saturday evening meeting: "Resolved that the U. S. should annex Hawaii."

The entertainment given by Misses Shupp, Evans and Cooley last Friday evening was in every way a success. All persons being well pleased as was shown by the repeated encores to which the per-

formers had to respond. A cotillion recital will be given Friday by the same artists. No one to miss it and the auditorium will be packed with an audience on the occasion.

Founders day was fittingly Wednesday by students and Pacific University. After the chapel exercises conducted by Marsh a previously arranged program was carried out. L. C. Walker of the '73 spoke on "Early History and Recollections of Pacific University." Austin Rice followed with "Why Men Give to Higher Education." Miss Farnham then spoke on the "Higher Education in Foreign South Africa, with which she was connected for a period of over eight years.

The annex work of school presented by representatives of various organizations; Mr. Kirkwood for the Y. M. C. A.; Miss for the Y. W. C. A.; Miss Roe for the Philomatheans and Mr. Gamma Sigma; while the can Athletic Union was espoused Miller. After singing our college and vociferating the different yells, students spent the day in the dictates of their own sweet will.

In the evening the enthusiasm reached the ebullition point after taking in the town and yelling was an impossibility, as was held in the auditorium at the general management of the with Jerry Walker as chairman, prompt program was carried consisting of songs, speeches, yells and general enthusiasm as the utterance. The day is one of portance to both students and a valuable addition to the calendar.

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