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THERE IS RETRIBUTION FOR THE WICKED.

The defenders of the nullification of our constitutional method of choosing United States senators must sooner or later show by what right our governor assumed the powers of the people to select their senators as ordained in the constitution. These defenders must show by what right our governor has sought to unsettle and overthrow what the people have established and adopted as their method of choosing their representatives in the United States senate. The advocates of nullification must show by what authority our governor has attempted to break up what the people ratified because these are the terms which express the will of the people in a constitution which has ordained that their representatives in the legislature shall choose their senators, and nowhere does either our state or federal constitution express a grant of power to our governor which will, in the remotest degree, relieve our legislature of its sworn duty to choose our representatives in the United States senate.

Our governor must show that our constitution has provided for an event which may be preceded by its own destruction by the refusal of the legislators to obey its mandates, mandates which he is sworn to enforce. In other words whoever attempts to defend our governor in his appointment of Henry W. Corbett as United States senator must show that our governor has the right to revolutionize our constitutional method of representation in the United States senate, and if our governor has that right he has the right to revolutionize our constitutional judiciary and declare himself king.

As this astounding doctrine has made its first appearance in this state we shall do all in our power to make it fatal to the political hopes of those who advocate it. Our governor has pursued a course derogatory to his acknowledged reputation as a jurist, and in a high degree also derogatory to the character and honor of this state, by his executive endorsement and support of schemes of an ambitious artificial aristocrat. The cause which he has espoused finds no basis in either our state or federal constitution and he will find no succor from public endorsement of his career, a career which will awaken no enthusiasm among the patriotic people of Oregon. Our governor has no foothold on which he can stand. While he might have displayed the powers of a great jurist he will yet find, if he has not already discovered, that everything beneath his feet is hollow and treacherous.

Mr. Corbett also will find that he is struggling in a morass, every effort to extricate himself will only sink him deeper and deeper, and with himself he will drag our governor down into the bottomless depths of political degradation. Mr. Corbett will also find no powerful deliverer in the United States senate who will advocate and lead a revolution for seating a representative of shoddy aristocracy over

our broken constitution and in violation of the well settled precedents established by that body during the past half century. He will find the United States senate above the reach of his venal touch or taint. He will find that its members love liberty no less ardently than the founders of that august body, who were the descendants of the Anglo-Saxon race, a race which loved and guarded every guarantee of liberty as well as liberty itself in whatever form it may have appeared to them in the progress of human liberty; and their descendants, whether in the senate, at the plow or before the American mast will not now abandon our own American liberty guarded by a constitution which is our paternal inheritance, a liberty to which the United States senate is chiefly devoted, and the constitution for the preservation of our rights that distinguished body will use the utmost of its powers and fortitude to maintain and defend.

If we regarded the fate of our rights to select our representative in the United States senate to be as doubtful as they are important, the approaching session of congress would be to us a period of the deepest solicitude. But public opinion is becoming awakened to the late conduct of our governor, our people are reasoning upon it as becomes intelligent citizens, and next June this state will put a period to his authority and place the seal of condemnation upon an administration which has attempted to pierce the body of liberty through the shield of our constitution.

We warn our governor that the consequences following the unlawful exercise of constructive or incidental grants of power will couple his name with conspirators who have sought to bring the ruin of a common catastrophe upon succeeding generations.

The ruthless hand of a governor which affixes the great seal of this state to an act violating our constitution might as well attempt to pluck a star from the blue field of our flag. The foundation of this state government was laid in the light of those stars which illumine the pathway of every citizen in this state and nation, and it is our unbroken and unviolated state constitution which gives our people title to that sacred blue ground where stands the immortal star of Oregon. He who tramples our constitution under his feet tramples upon our national flag which is a cognate emblem of our federal constitution, our liberty and our laws.

A people who will submit to the usurpation of constitutional powers forfeit their right to that liberty which the founders of this government defended with a faith, courage and manhood that made mortal suffering sublime. Will the descendants of those men of iron permit any power in this state to arm artificial aristocracy with a weapon to batter down our rights under the federal constitution which, by section three of article one, makes the choice of United States senators the mandatory duty of our legislature? Will Henry W. Corbett be heard to claim that our governor can appoint a senator to commence a new term, under any assignable circumstances or conditions whatsoever? Will he deny that such authority is exclusively vested in our state legislature? Will our governor attempt to maintain that his power of appointment in any case whatsoever can be substituted for an election of a United States senator by our legislature? Will our governor contend that he can legally discharge a duty which our federal constitution has imperatively enjoined upon our legislature, because that body has for any reason failed to obey its mandates? Will our governor assert that his executive power to appoint a senator extends to any case whatsoever beyond a vacancy caused by some unforeseen event which makes it out of the power of the legislature to fill at that time? Did our governor appoint Henry W. Corbett to fill such a vacancy? Will our governor deny that it was the constitutional duty of our legislature

to choose a successor to Hon. John H. Mitchell, from the second Monday of January, 1897, to this hour, and will he claim that he has ever during that period had any provisional prerogative as executive of this state to even temporarily appoint a successor to Senator Mitchell for any period whatsoever, during or subsequent to the failure of our legislature to discharge its duty under the mandatory provisions of the constitution of the United States?

We charge that Wm. P. Lord, governor of the state of Oregon, has no such prerogative nor executive power in the premises. And we further charge that Wm. P. Lord, governor of the state of Oregon, has usurped the constitutional powers and duties of the legislature of this state in choosing a successor to Senator Mitchell and we also charge that his appointment of Henry W. Corbett as United States senator for any period whatsoever was and is an unconstitutional act, therefore null and void. Does not that distinguished jurist, Wm. P. Lord, late chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Oregon, know that the presence of the Oregon legislature at his capitol, organized or not organized, during the constitutional period for a session of the same, forever barred his exercise of the provisional power to appoint a successor to Senator Mitchell? No reasonable doubt can be entertained that our governor did know that he had no constitutional prerogative or provisional power to appoint Henry W. Corbett, or any other person, to fill a vacancy caused by the failure of our legislature to take the constitutional action required by the supreme law of our state and nation.

The conduct of our legislature swept away our constitution before his eyes and with it forever disappeared all executive prerogatives conferred by the terms of the constitution in the case pending before that body. Nothing is clearer than the act of duty left for our governor to have performed for the preservation of our constitutional method of electing United States senators. This sworn defender of our constitution saw it swept away. This officer, sworn to obey the constitution of the United States, saw its mandates trampled under the feet of a lawless and unrestrained mob at his capitol when a single appeal from our governor to the people, the source of sovereign authority in this state, would have replaced that mob by representatives chosen at a special election called by him for that purpose.

This would have been the result had our governor been faithful to his obligations and faithful in the exercise of his powers and prerogatives which are subordinate to the constitution and were ordained for its perpetuity, and not for its nullification. These powers and prerogatives were conferred upon him, including his military powers, for the preservation and defense of the constitution of the state, powers and prerogatives which he is sworn to exercise in defense of every right of our people when the fundamental law of our state or nation is threatened or imperilled by any power, person or co-ordinate department of our state government, for he is armed and made the Samson defender of the state to guard and defend every gate against assaults from that worst of evils to the state, the lawless arrogance of that artificial aristocracy which thundered down our constitution, the citadel and fortress of our liberty. But, alas, before this mighty power of avarice and malign ambition our governor fell into the harlot-lap of venal treachery and now, shorn of his strength and virtue, he stands silent, confounded and struck mute by the guilt of his cowardly record of desertion of a confiding people, desertion of his oath of office, his manhood and his honor.

What a spectacle has this governor made by his apostasy! It dishonors his administration and blots out the testimony for law and order which he delivered from the supreme bench. If this conspiracy is successful before the United

States senate it carries the effects of the conspiracy into the whole future political conditions of not only this state but finally of every state in the Union. It is a revolution which will sweep away representative government, a revolution fatal to constitutional liberty itself. Is our governor blind that he cannot see these tremendous realities, the consequences of his acts?

Henry W. Corbett, Joseph Simon, Harvey W. Scott and Johnathan Bourne entered into a conspiracy to produce a vacancy in the United States senate which our governor can not fill without a violation of our constitution and violating the express provisions of the constitution of the United States, but all of this has been attempted and entered into that they might seat one of their number, Henry W. Corbett, in the United States senate. This conspiracy was entered into to peace the absolute control of this state in the hands of a shoddy aristocracy and they deserve the retributions which will follow at the bar of the United States senate where the details of this seditious plot will be unfolded, in all its depravity, before the nation. These conspirators have crossed the Rubicon. Their battle if fought without unconditional surrender must be fought out on its merits in the full blaze of an investigating senate. If refuge is sought through the subterfuge of a ratification in a special session of the legislature then will swift retribution follow every vile conspirator in this state and Corbett, Lord, Scott, Simon and Bourne will each exclaim in the language of the arch-traitor of Heaven, "Which way I look is Hell, myself am Hell!"

"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State chosen by the legislature thereof, for six years; * * * * and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise during the Recess of the Legislature of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies."

—Article I, section 3, Constitution of the United States.

THAT SPECIAL SESSION.

"At a meeting in Portland last week the Republican editors of the state agreed, among other things that they would labor to prevent any proposed special session of the Oregon legislature. This, together with the well known fact that republican leaders recognize that a special session would be a serious menace, if not a barrier to the success of their party in next year's campaign makes it extremely improbable that a special session will be held."—Times.

The republican editors did not agree to labor to prevent a special session of the legislature. They simply gave it as their opinion that it would be futile to urge such session.

There is no assurance that the minority that prevented organization last winter, would do their duty if called to Salem a second time, and without such an assurance it would be costly folly to call the legislature together.

Again, it is said to be a part of the agreement between Lord and Corbett that no special session be called. If such be the case, the matter rests in the hands of Corbett, and he can have no possible interest in having the legislature organize. He will not give his consent and no popular demand will affect him. The republican editors simply decided not to waste words.

The greatest blame for the disgraceful scenes in the legislative failure last winter, lies with the populist members elect, one of whom was from this county and was endorsed by the democrats. The direct Simonites would be equally to blame were they as numerous. The few democrats simply flirited. The attitude of the republican members cannot be criticized. The republican party has no cause to blush or apologize for the action of the real republicans. Another session would emphasize the sensible and business like position of the republican members, but any attempt to urge the calling together of the legislature would be useless and the republican editors knew this and said this.—Corvallis Gazette, Nov. 26.

THE G. A. R. ON HARVE SCOTT.

Resolutions of similar import to those of the Jackson county veterans here published have been adopted by the posts of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the length and breadth of Oregon.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OREGON DELEGATION IN CONGRESS,

SENATOR GEORGE W. MCBRIDE, REPRESENTATIVE THOS. H. TONGUE AND REPRESENTATIVE WM. R. ELLIS,

GENTLEMEN:

Your memorialists and petitioners are your constituents and members of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Oregon, and your attention is respectfully called to the reasons set forth in our preamble for the resolutions that follow to-wit:

WHEREAS, Your memorialists have witnessed with profound regret and indignation the shameless and graceless attack of Harve Scott, the editor of the Oregonian, deliberately perpetrated as we believe to wound the pride of the Grand Army of the Republic of this state and to dishonor the memory of a comrade whom we regard as one of the most eminent American patriots, soldiers and statesmen; and with fiendish atrocity Harve Scott has assailed the tribute of honor our comrade to degrade the character of the fame and services of the late Major General John A. Logan whose silent but eloquent lips, it appears, have failed to teach that prince of copperheads and cowards respect for our heroic dead, but now, like an assassin, thrusts his slandering, blaspheming dagger into the great wound of a hero who in the estimation of all the armies East and West stood the head of the volunteer leaders upon a thousand battlefields of the late Civil War and who now stands as the peer among the heroes of all ages before the sapphire clouded throne, a transcendent scene of glory around him, which Harve Scott shall behold like shining mirrors of crystal water, but untouched and untasted while he thirsting shall perish to a lipless fiend on burning sands, an outcast from Heaven whose treachery like a deadly blight shall curse his memory forever; AND

WHEREAS, Many of your petitioners were eye-witnesses to the splendor of military skill and incomparable heroic valor displayed by our comrade, John Logan, at Champion Hills and from Donaldson to Atlanta, a score of lesser great battles of the greatest war for liberty and constitutional government in the history of the world; AND

WHEREAS your memorialists and not that vile poltroon Harve Scott were participants in the mighty struggle which by an hundred battles swept the hosts of treason out of the valley of the Mississippi and brought a gallant army under the command of our polished and accomplished McPherson to the gates of Atlanta where he fell, but was succeeded at the moment of greatest peril to our arms on the field of battle by our immortal hero, John A. Logan, who with hat and sword in hand, with the eye of an eagle instantly grasped the situation and led the Army of the Tennessee in person against the military foundations of that doomed city which he lifted out of their places and planted "Old Glory" upon their ruins amid the acclamations and cheers of fifty thousand comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. This act of peerless heroism of that military genius, John Logan, independent of any other act of his glorious and eventful life on the field and in the senate would have entitled him to the admiration of the world and endeared his immortal name to us and to our posterity forever; AND

WHEREAS your constituents have silently borne the taunts and insults of Harve Scott, that brute-beast who deserves not the name of man, who boasts that he would if within his power repeal every pension law enacted through the untiring efforts of Senator John A. Logan as a recompense to our infirm comrades, to the widows and orphans of the countless slain in battle, and for the sacrifice of robust health and rugged constitutions of our comrades, ruined by the harsh and exposures incident to their long service in behalf of the Union of the state while cowardly traitors like Harve Scott were fleeing from the draft and the peril of war that he might survive the war to tell posterity what he never knew, lied about the great leaders of the Civil War, and without the capacity to understand the true standard of estimation by which distinguished leaders are judged their comrades who followed them to the cannon's mouth to save constitutional liberty and the Union of the states; Therefore be it

Resolved that the attacks of Harve Scott on the character of the life and public services of the late Major General John A. Logan as published in the Oregonian on Sunday morning, Oct. 3, 1897, is the unparalleled utterance of the base copperhead, coward and hypocrite that survived the late Civil War, and he hereby arraigned before the bar of this state where he deserves to be branded the most degenerate scoundrel of the race.

Resolved that the groundless, unprovoked and insolent attacks of Harve Scott repeated in his vile epithets in the Oregonian, assailing our pensioners as well as the national pension laws and their just provisions for our comrades, the widows and orphans, is inspired by a spirit of malevolence hitherto undisturbed in the history of journalism and the Oregonian is hereby denounced the completest masterpiece of piracy against humanity and the honor of our nation. The Oregonian is denounced as the most flagrant enemy of the Grand Army of the Republic, a newspaper destitute of every sense of patriotism or admiration for constitutional government, regardless alike of truth, justice and honor.

Resolved by your memorialists that we do hereby petition the Oregon delegation in Congress to resist all attempts inaugurated by The Oregonian or others to repeal the provisions of the pension laws which justice and the logic of the law of cause and effect ordain and constitute the vested rights of those who served our government and nation during any and all wars, and that the rights of the widow or orphan be not impaired or abridged by any legislative action whatsoever. And conclusion be it

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be executed by the Commander of the Grand Army post and countersigned by the Adjutant, and forwarded to the Oregon delegation in Congress.

W. A. BIEDLER,
Commander of James Luttrell Post No. 77, G. A. R.
Department of Oregon.

G. W. SPERRY,
Adjutant of Post.
Dated at Gold Hill, Oregon, Nov. 6, 1897.

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