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Another Dead Issue.

For several months the people have been awaiting with interest a decision from the supreme court in the cases involving the relation of the United States to its new insular possessions. This week that decision has been handed down, and the contention that formed the battle ground of a great issue in the last campaign is settled by the highest court in the land. The controversy on the forum in public was popularly summed up in the question "Does the constitution follow the flag?" The democrats contended in the late presidential campaign that the constitution followed the flag. The supreme court has just decided that it does not. The questions came before the court on the Porto Rican tariff act. The democrats contended that congress had no more right to levy a tariff on goods passing between Porto Rico and the United States than it had to levy tariff on goods passing between New York and Massachusetts, but the supreme court has just decided that congress has power under the constitution to prescribe the manner of collecting the revenues of the country's insular possessions and has the right to lay duty on goods imported into our insular possessions from the United States or exported from there into the United States.

The republicans took the position throughout the campaign that the Porto Rican tariff was right and purely constitutional. The supreme court has sustained this position and the decision comes not as a partisan one, for the court was not divided on party lines, one democrat voted with the majority and two republicans voted with the dissenting opinion.

The decision makes another dead issue for the democratic political grave yard. The campaign orators of the future will include it in the enumeration of other dead issues buried there, and the tomb stone will bear the inscription: "Sacred to the memory of the mistaken idea that the constitution follows the flag, killed in the election of 1900, all hope abandoned after the supreme court decisions of May 1901."

Internal vs. Universal Free Trade.

Mr. Edward Atkinson has turned his attention away from the pleasant task of giving comfort and encouragemnet to the Filipinos long enough to write an article in advocacy of free trade for the April number of the "Engineering Magazine." This friend of Aguinaldo could not be happy, apparently, unless he were acting in some way as the champion of the cause of foreigners in opposition to the interests of the people of the United States. In the article referred to Mr. Atkinson has harked back to the old argument that, because the United States has grown rich and prosperous through the system of free commerce between the different states of the union, therefore, free trade with the world would be a benefit. It is not strange, perhaps, in view of Mr. Atkinson's peculiar ideas concering national affairs and his singular inability to understand the meaning of patriotism, that he does not take into account the unity of interest which holds the different states together. The states of this republic from one great whole. They have a common government. Their interests are one, as compared with the various interests of all the rest of the world. The cause of one state is the cause of all, and no one could profit at the expense of the other, The United States is a partnership of states, and each partner is working for the good of the partnership as a whole.

Mr. Atkinson might as well claim that the most prosperous firm in a city would be better off by sharing all its trade advantages with other less prosperous firms, as to claim that the United States would profit from sharing its advantages with foreign nations In a business firm, while the firm prospers most through the harmonious action and the equal participation in benefits by the partners, there is nothing to be gained through the extension of those benefits to commercial rivals. When the nations of the world are all ready to come into the union as partners, and to bend every effort toward the advancement and the good of the United States, this country will find advantage in sharing benefits with them, but not until then. Meanwhile we will continue to follow our policy of protection, which our whole national experience has proved to us does bring the greatest prosperity to the country, and will continue to avoid the policy of free trade, which has inevitably proved industrially disastrous. — American Economist.

The contest in South Carolina between Senators McLaurin and Tillman will be watched with interest. The prediction is freely made that this contest will mark an important epoch in politics in the South. Both the contestants are democrats. McLaurin represents the new democracy of the South that sees hope of continued prosperity in the trade expansion that follows the flag. He favors the present administration in its policies, and in defense of his convictions, he was led into a public debate with Senator Tillman and accepted a challenge from him to resign their senatorships and stand on the issue before the people. The contest will be a campaign of education for the people of the South, who are likely, now that the question of negro domination has been eradicated, to accept the advanced and progressive ideas of constructive statesmanship.

Another democratic bogie man has been knocked out by supreme court decisions in the insular cases. The court holds that the constitution does not of its own force apply to those ceded territories, placing their people, their products and their ports on an immediate equality with ours and conferring upon them all the rights, privileges and immunities enjoyed by the people, products and ports of the several states. In their contention that the constitution followed the flag the democrats predicted dire calamity from the competition arising in our insular possession. The government now has the sanction of the supreme court for governing these islands as their needs and our interests may require.

Continued activity in the operation of the P. & I. N. railroad holds out hope to the people of Idaho that a north and south line will be in operation not later than another year. The proposed extension into the Seven Devils region will hasten the mining development of that whole section, now only waiting for increased facilities in transportation to become permanent producers. The rapid development of the country between here and the Seven Devils will prove an inviting field for another extension of the P. & I. N. to Lewiston, down the Salmon and Snake, completing the long proposed north and south route for Idaho.

Things are moving apace for the pardon of Paul Corcoran, now serving a term for the murder of James Cheyne in the Coeur d'Alene riots. A voluminous petition will soon be presented to the pardoning board. Friends of the condemned man seem to have full faith in getting executive clemency. As the time for the hearing draws nigh rumor again revives the charges of bargain and said which implicate the present state administration in the pardon of Paul Corcoran. The truth or falsity of these charges will be known when the authorities decide upon the petition now being prepared.

The fact that there is a dissenting opinion in the supreme court decisions and that it is not along political lines is a certificate of credit to the independence of the national judiciary.

Governor Nash must take a rest, the strenuous life on the Pacific coast was too much for even an Ohio politician.

Sampson wants to retire and his wish will meet the prompt acquiescence of a great majority of the American people.

The cadets at Pullman seem to be training for honors should they conclude to finish at West Point.

Celebrate the Glorius Fourth.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho, May 25, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on July 6, 1901, viz:

LOUIS ENGLEHOM,

of Forest, Idaho, for the lots 29, 30, 31, 32 sec 20; lots 3, 4, 13, 14, sec 29 t p 39 n r 2 w B. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Leonard Hovey of Westlake, Idaho.
Edward C. Hegel, of Morrow, Idaho.
Charles E. Martin, " " "
Herman Hartwick, of Westlake, Idaho.

J. B. West, Register.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

Timber land act June 3, 1878.

United States Land Office, Lewiston, Idaho, March 21st, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory "as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

WILLIAM PROVOST,

of Forest, county of Nez Perce, state of Idaho, has this day filed at this office his sworn statement No. ——, for the purchase of the n e qr n w qr of section No. 34, in township No. 83 n, range No. 3 w, B. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Lewiston, Idaho, on Saturday, the 1st day of June 1901, He names as witnesses:

John Provost, of Forest, Idaho.
Oscar Soderman, " " "
Hans Holes, " " "
John X. Nelson, " " "

Any and all persons claiming adversly the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the 1st day of June, 1901.

J. B. West, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Lewiston, Idaho, April, 16, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on June 1, 1901, viz:

SAMUEL D. GADDY,

of Lapwai, Idaho, for the s e qr sec 22 tp 35 n r 3 w B. m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Samuel H. Holt, of Lapwai, Idaho.
Henry McClure, " " "
Stephen M. Sanders " " "
Cale Booth " " "

J. B. West, Register.

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SAMUEL H. HOLT,

for the s w qr s w qr sec 5 n ½, n w qr n w qr n e qr sec 8 tp 34 n r 3, w B. m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Samuel D. Gaddy, of Lapwai, Idaho.
Henry McClure, " " "
Stephen M. Sanders, " " "
Cale Booth " " "

J. B. West, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land office at Lewiston, Idaho, April 16, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on June 8, 1901.

WILLIAM F. WOOD,

of Lewiston, Idaho for the lots 31, 32 sec 21 and lots 1, 2 13, 14, 15, 16, sec 28 tp 35 n r 4 w B. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Henry Crawford, of Lapwai, Idaho.
Alfred J. Suller, " " "
Albertus Morrow, " " "
John Gamble, " Lewiston, "

J. B. WEST, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Lewiston, Idaho, April 16, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on June 1, 1901, viz:

CALE BOOTH,

of Lapwai, Idaho, for the lots 22, 23, 32 34 sec 31 tp 35 n, lots 3, 4, 5 sec 6 tp 34 n r 3 w B. m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Samuel D. Gaddy, of Lapwai, Idaho.
Samuel H. Holt, " " "
Henry McClure, " " "
Stephen M. Sanders " " "

J. B West Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho, May 15, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on June 8, 1901, viz:

BENJAMIN E. WILSON,

of Lapwai, Idaho, for the w ½ s w qr s e qr s w qr w ½ s w qr n w qr sec 20, tp 36 n r 3 w B. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon an cultivation of said land, viz:

Marion Rich, of Lapwai, Idaho.
Jesse Rich, " " "
Edward G. Williams, " " "
William Palmer, " " "

J. B. West, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Lewiston, Idaho, March 13, 1901.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in his office by Dow C. Gribble, contestant, against Andrew Carlin, entry No. 5467, made November 13, 1899, for lots 9, 10, sec 4, t 35 n, r 1, W B M., by Andrew Carlin, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Andrew Carlin entryman aforesaid, has wholly abandoned said tract of land for more than six months last past and next prior to date hereof. That he never established a residence upon said land. That he has entirely failed and neglected to comply with the requirements of the homestead law, in the matter of settlement, residence and cultivation of the same. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on June 4, 1901, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in Lewiston, Idaho.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed March 21, 1901, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CHARLES H. GARBY, Receiver.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Lewiston, Idaho, May 8, 1901.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Thomas Decourcy contestant, against Stephen Besek, entry No. 2656, made November 11, 1899, for the s½ n e ¼, n w ¼ s e ¼, n e ¼ s w ¼ section 14, tp 36, n r 5 w, B. m., by Stephen Besek contestee, in which is is alleged that said Stephen Besek has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months from the date hereof, also that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as by law required or at all. said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on July 12, 1901, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lewiston, Idaho.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed May 4th, 1901, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication

CHAS. H GARBY, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States land office, Lewiston, Idaho, May 21, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Lewiston, Idaho, on July 10, 1901, viz:

FRANK H. BROWN,

of Waha, Idaho, for the s e ¼ s e ¼ sec 10, n w ¼ n w ¼ sec 14, n ½ n e ¼ sec. 15 tp 39 n r 5 w B m.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Herbert Reeves, " Waha, Idaho.
Martin Boyer, " " "
Halvin Boyer, " " "
Henry Reeves, " " "

J. B. West, Register.

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