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A SHORT STORY BY: MIKE THE MOVER

### "THE ORDINANCE"

#### PART 1: SECESSION 101

Let's face it. Eastern Washington is a place like no other.

Same can be said of the west side of the mountains.

However, just the same, it's like two different states, one with high dessert plains, and mountains. The other side with islands, ports, and breath-taking beauty.

If you think about it, other American states, throughout our 250 year history were the same, but different too.

Originally, in 1663, the British formed the Province of Carolina. In 1712, the province was split into two colonies, one north and one south. Later, in 1788, the state of South Carolina was adopted, by a vote in Congress, as the eighth state, (#8), chartered into the union.

In 1789, North Carolina was adopted as the #12 state. Again, by Congressional charter.

Seventy-two years later, in 1861, during the American Civil War, the state of Nevada, a break-away secession group of the Utah territory was formed.

At the same time, in Virginia, unionist's on the west side of their mountain range, conducted a so called "secession convention"

In less than two years, ad-hearing to a schedule of public elections, those results were then certified, ratified by oath, and presented to the US Senate for consideration.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1863, ten days before the battle of 'Gettysburg', West Virginia, became the 35th state of the union, commonly referred to as the "Hoopi state"... Go Figure?

The state of Nevada, was then chartered, and was 'granted' statehood in 1864. #36.

To the best of my knowledge, Ben Cartwright of the "Ponderosa" fame was responsible.

A few years later, the Dakota Territory was divided into two (2).

It seems crazy, but, one was north, and one was south... Go Figure?

Same result, certify, ratify, present to the US Senate... and Bingo.

Both states were admitted on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1889, as states #39 & #40.

The State of Washington? Same year. #42.

So you see, the aspect of creating a new franchise within a defined segment of domain consisting of federal property, is actually possible, and certainly attainable.

My vision, calls for the 51<sup>st</sup> state. Eastern Washington. Post Office: EW.

As a Democratic candidate, for the US Senate, I will advocate for this cause.

New EW 'STATE MOTTO': "Secession, before submission to Olympia."

That should get the Democrats attention.

Meanwhile, don't spend your money on any Republican candidate running for the US Senate in Washington State. It's a waste of time and money = more money down the toilet!

Instead, hold a secession convention. Apply for statehood.

Start by authorizing a public vote in all eastern Washington counties affected to such a measure, in the 2010 general elections. Make a stink!

The ballot and the measure, can be certified by the Secretary of State of Washington.

Historically, our constitutional forefathers, left a priceless, portal for insurrection of a civil nature, in the form of an enabling act, for the purpose of secession, and future statehood.

To constitutional historians, it's referred to as: "THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE".

## PART 2: ARTICLE IV – SECTION THREE

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution provides for the addition of new states, from time to time, by a ratification of Congress, and signed into law by the President of the United States.

A new state, created within the boundaries of an existing state, may only be done so, when approved, by the legislature of an existing state.

The Constitution also does not require a 'new' state to be admitted to the union, on an 'equal footing' basis, as any existing state (Beware doctrine).

In the case of Washington State, the obvious contention for creating a new state is not only geographical, but one of immense, social, political, and economic transparencies.

For example, the west side of the state contains three-quarters of the population, that is largely democratic, in practice & politics.

Commonly referred to as 'lowlanders', by their eastern neighbors, the lowlanders are considered progressive, liberal democrats, that are wasteful, spend happy, and plagued by social and immoral inadequacies.

To the east of the state, the 'highlanders', are considered to be mostly conservative republicans, that are notoriously religious, largely agrarian, and spend-thrifts, both economically and politically.

Historically, the state of Nevada was separated from the Utah territory, by an act of Congress. This was done, to politically separate pioneering families, from the rash religious, and sometimes, violent practices of the Mormon community.

West Virginia, became a state after separating from Virginia, due to a civil war, while claiming the 'lack of representation' to the Federal congress. Meanwhile, new county officials held elections, under federally enforced military supervision (sort of sounds like Iraq).

In retrospect, many of our western states, became so, out of the doctrine of 'Manifest Destiny'. To this day, that doctrine, remains the most perplexing ancestor, to our current form of federalism.

Think about it, the American Indians were not allowed to form a state.

The black man, nor the Mexicans, could form a state. As a condition for statehood, slavery was abolished in the creation of any new application considered. Yet, Chinese manpower was enslaved to build railroad lines through vast territories and existing states.

Unlike the founding states, prior colonies, Washington state, was created during a historical time of federal expansion. Post-American Civil War: 1868 – 1893.

The western side of the state, was in its' infancy. The eastern side, was a series of territorial forts and outposts, strewn throughout a vastly unchartered landscape.

The territorial capital was in Bellingham. The state capital, later Olympia.

To the casual observer, It becomes evidently clear, that eastern Washington had little or no significant input on the formation of statehood.

Today, a indigenous population of citizens, reside in the state of Washington. Some are American Indians, others are black. Some are Mexican, others are Chinese, or oriental.

Strangely, these are the same people whose ancestors were originally disenfranchised because they could not vote. Why? They weren't white...Go Figure?

Which is precisely, the constitutional instrument for argument, or redress.

Redress? Put the issue up for vote.

First, hold a ballot proposal in the eastern counties to propose statehood.

Second, have the results certified by the Secretary of state.

Next, if necessary, have the disenfranchised argument heard by the Washington Supreme court.

Meanwhile, form a provisional government, in and for Eastern Washington, if the ballot measure is favorable.

One shortfall though. All counties on the ballot measure must be overwhelmingly unanimous.

If not, the measure will not carry.

It is my opinion, that if the legislature in Olympia is not in agreement, further ballot measures can be analyzed, prepared, manufactured and submitted for vote.

Certainly, the road ahead is long and tedious. Go Figure?.

But, be assured, no 'blood' shall be 'spilled' in this indenture.

That, in itself, is probably the most unique feature of the 51<sup>st</sup> state.