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FUS FIXICO'S LETTER

"Well, so," Hotgun he say, "while the Japs and Russians was trying to smoke the pipe a peace at Portsmouth, the separate statehood delegates in Injin Territory was packing they pasteboard telescopes for Muskogee, to make a grand up-to-date constitution, Newspaper reporters was already had they transportation and all the southeast rooms in the hotels engaged for the occasion. The railroads was offered half fare rates, including the plus. The committee on entertainment was busy overhauling the Pike at Hyde Park and drawing up contracts with summer resort show companies, and attractions like that. The mayor was engrossed in 'Ancient and Modern Eloquence' to welcome the delegates. And everything was cocked and primed."

(Wolf Warrior and Kono Harjo look 'way off over the hills and spit in the ragweeds.)

Then Tookpafka Micco, he say, "Well, so what

the single staters think about it, anyhow?

And Hotgun he go on and say,

"Well, so they was looked kind a curious and act like a poor horse fenced off from the fodder stack in the winter time."

And Tookpafka Micco he say, "Maybe so the range in the Short grass country wasn't afford much picking."

Then Hotgun he go on and say "Well, so the sentiment a the people was unanimous for the constitution convention, and they was only three country editors against it. Lamb, a Okmulgee, he keep lamming 'way every week; but he was only add to the gaiety a the nations. All lambs like to buck around and shake they tails. And Deacon Marrs, a Vinita, he say things in his thumb paper unbecoming a true christian and inter-married Cherokee citizen. And then there's Billy Walker, a Purcell, He never let up and was his own excuse for being. He say heap a mean things, But his editorials was too long to quote and life was too short to read them."

And Tookpafka Micco he say, "Well, so we hear all time the newspaper was mould public opinion."

And Hotgun he say, "Well, so they do if the didn't had they mind made up already."

Then Tookpafka Micco he say, "Well, so where Delegate Connie Foley stand, anyway?"

And Hotgun he say, "Well, so that's what Henry Bee Lobbying don't know. He was send a telegram to Connie and say. 'Well, so if you was favored single statehood, answer and charge it to me.' But somehow he was missed connection. Maybe so the wire was down somewhere. But I think Connie was played bad politics to expose his hand for Henry Bee Lobbying's benefit. We Injins was kind a raise Connie and maybe so he do what's right."

(Wolf Warrior and Kono Harjo grunt and spit in the ragweeds again.)

Then Hotgun he go an say "Well, so I wasn't a delegate to the constitution convention, but it was had my moral support, anyhow. Maybe so the Injin Territory wouldn't make a big state by itself like Texas, but you could set Rhode Island down in it twenty-five times and had room enough left for the floating population of Arkansaw."

And Tookpafka Micco he say. "Well, so you think we was ready for statehood?"

And Hotgun he say, "Good and ready." He was ready for the Government to keep its promise and fence

us off to ourselves. We was give up all our bad habits, like wearing breech clouts and feathers on the head, We wear hand-me-downs now all the time and live in box shacks with a side room to it instead a log huts daubed with mud. We was give up the simple life, and buy fine buggies and lightning rods and calendar clocks and had our forefathers' pictures enlarged and be civilized citizens instead common full-blood Injins. So we was ready for statehood."

Then Tookpafka Micco he say, "Reckon so they stick in a clause for prohibition in the constitution so we could still had our Peruna and Morning Star Bitters."

And Hotgun he say, "Well, so that was the understanding, but Ann-Hasa-bush was take a hand in the fight for statehood and say you better keep out everything but Budweiser, 'cause it was a soft drink and didn't intoxicate like Oklahoma white mule. But I was in favor a the prohibition clause -- I don't want to break away from the old favorites like you mention."

Then Tookpafka Micco he say, "Well, so what name you reckon they give the new state?"

And Hotgun he say, "Well so some say call it

Terra-India, the land a the Red Man; but maybe so they  
better name it Ta-ra-boom-de-ay, the land a the boomer."

-- ALEY POSEY IN MUSKOGEE PHOENIX.