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General Botha says that the efforts of the Boer leaders to secure funds for the redemption of the ruined farming lands of the Transvaal has fallen flat, and that the outlook for the future of his native land is decidedly gloomy. Reports from South Africa are that there has been no cessation of hostility between the Boers and the British, and it is apparent that the two peoples will never become reconciled. In conquering the Boers for the benefit of her gold-loving speculators, England has acquired another colonial possession that promises to be as burdensome as Ireland. The scheme of conquest carried on by the British nation augurs no good either for the possession or for the conquering nation. With England might is right, and any flimsy excuse suffices to bring forth a declaration of war if the British land-grabbers but say the word. With a few colonies on her hands like Ireland and the Transvaal, however, England may learn the lesson that Rome learned too late, and the world will be better off. The condition of the people of a republic is not bettered when they are forced into subjugation by a kingdom. The crushing of the Boers was a universal calamity, and their present pitiful condition will arouse the sympathy of the liberty-loving people of the world.

Says the Florence West: "In regard to the question as to who is to be chosen senator, the claim is made in certain quarters that because in the June election Geer received more votes than Wood he is the choice of the people of the state for that office. This is claiming altogether more than the vote showed. In the first place Geer's name was put on the ticket by petition and not by the republicans of the state. In the second place, many who voted for Geer did so merely to express their preference for him over Wood, and because he was the only republican whose name appeared on the ticket as a candidate for that office. The result does not show that Geer is the choice of the people of Oregon for senator, but merely that they preferred Geer to Wood. In fact, we believe that C. W. Fulton is the choice of the majority of the citizens of Oregon for United States senator and we hope to see him elected to that office by the legislature next winter." To which the Eugene

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Register adds: "This is the exact position most of the republican state press takes on this question and the party leaders, like Senator Mitchell, are said to be in line for the Astoria statesman, who is the logical man for the place."

There is oceans of truth in what Secretary Root had to say of the national issues involved in the present campaign. It is merely a question as to whether or not the administration of President Roosevelt is to be upheld. Roosevelt stands for all that the needs of good government require. He has repeatedly announced his approval of tariff reform that would afford protection to the consumer, and has taken steps to curtail the encroachments of the trusts. In fact, his policies embody all that is needed to rectify those wrongful conditions now existing. He has called forth the praise of the conservative democrats and has been assured of the republican nomination in 1904. It is merely a matter of upholding him or expressing disapproval of his course. A democratic victory in New York will be a direct thrust at the president.

The Tacoma Ledger says: "It would not be a surprising circumstance if Harriman were to try to increase the volume of Oriental commerce through Portland. However, the rumor that he will do this by means of steamers of the tonnage of the Hill line is nonsense. Such steamers could no more get to Portland than they could to Denver."

The Oregonian thinks it quite a joke that The Astorian and the Hillsboro Argus should impute to it a policy favorable to an extra session, while the Eugene Journal and Salem Journal should figure out that it is opposed to the session. Well, it is a good joke; but the joke is on the esteemed Oregonian. Its attitude is pretty much a Chinese puzzle.

The Taxpayers' league of Portland has filed with Governor Geer a petition for the convening of the legislature in extra sessions. It is now up to the governor to do a little thing himself.

Of course, Booth of Lane is not a senatorial candidate. Mr. Booth knows of a candidate, however, who is worth working for, and he will support C. W. Fulton.

Once again the spynx has spoken, but the utterance is not particularly new.

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