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MONDAY, MAY 19, 1902.

## Chamberlain Will Speak

George E. Chamberlain, Democratic Candidate for Governor, will address the people of Pendleton and Umatilla county on the issues of the day on

FRIDAY, MAY 23,  
at 8 o'clock in the evening,  
at the Court House.  
ALL ARE INVITED.

### THE PHILIPPINES.

What are the Philippines? Of what do the islands consist? Have our people any real conception of the magnitude of the acquisition involved in the \$20,000,000 purchase of the Philippines islands from Spain? It is true in the purchase of the Louisiana territory, or the acquisition of New Mexico, Arizona, California and Alaska, a wider area may have been involved, but in point of area combined with population, productiveness, actual and possible, and far reaching political problems these earlier territorial acquisitions were child's play compared to the appropriation of the Philippines.

Consider the territorial area. Confined to a dozen or two only of the larger and more habitable islands, they present a surface of some 150,000 square miles, equal in extent to all our states south of Mason and Dixie's line and east to the Mississippi except the Virginias, Florida and Louisiana, while the population is about the same. Think of such an addition at one swoop of adjacent domain to our great republic. All Canada or even Mexico would pale in comparison. Take for example the island of Mindanao, by no means the largest, and one of the least developed of the larger islands. About as large as the state of Ohio, its entire soil is as rich as that of Java.

The land once cleared, the timber paying a large profit on the work, it is open for sugar and other plantations that will more than tenfold increase the present productions of the island. The magnitude of the interest may be estimated, from the fact that there are in the islands still over fifty million acres of virgin timber, upon which only the first inroads have been made—the timber including trees two hundred feet high and often four feet in diameter, consisting of mahogany, sandalwood, etc., nearly all the most

valued timber in the world. In their present state the islands support in luxurious ease a population of some 10,000,000.

What will they not do when yielding to the immense temptation they offer to American and other foreign capital to develop them up to something like their easy possibilities. In less than half a century fifty millions, instead of their present ten, ought to be a moderate estimate of their population. Well may imagination stagger in view of our national responsibilities involved in the management of such a "colony." Yet the burden is upon us. We have put our foot in a hole from which we will find it difficult to extract it.

### CLEAN CUT ISSUE.

Mr. Fulton has opened Mr. Furnish's campaign at Ashland. A good part of it is devoted to attacking Mr. Chamberlain's position that fees of state officers should be abolished. There is one clean-cut issue between them. Let us see what it is. Mr. Chamberlain said:

"The compensation of the secretary of state and expenses of his office have been increased beyond the constitutional limit by one legislature after another until it now reaches the enormous sum of \$22,000."

Mr. Fulton said:  
"Now, what do you understand he means by the 'compensation of the secretary of state being \$22,000'? Do you not understand him to mean that his compensation was \$22,000 per annum? And yet, as a matter of fact—and I challenge Mr. Chamberlain to show the contrary—the entire compensation of the secretary of state and of all his clerks and stenographers of his office aggregates but \$11,200 per year, paid by the state. I do not speak of the compensation he derives from fees paid by private parties for services rendered."

But those fees were the very things Mr. Chamberlain was speaking of. Mr. Chamberlain's statement stands uncontradicted, "that the compensation of the secretary of state and expenses of his office now reaches the enormous sum of \$22,000." This compensation and these expenses are paid by the state, \$11,200, and the balance, \$10,800, is derived from fees charged private individuals for the official services of the secretary.

Now, Mr. Furnish, by Mr. Fulton proxy, thinks that is right. Mr. Chamberlain thinks that is wrong. And there is your issue.

And Mr. Chamberlain is quite right. He is right in his statement that the secretary's office costs the people \$22,000 per year. And he is right in his argument that it ought not to cost the people that sum. What difference does it make that about half is paid out of the state treasury and the other half by private individuals who are taxed that amount for services which under the law the secretary is required to perform? The money comes out of the pocket of the secretary of state. Of course some of it is expenses of the office, but since the state pays these expenses, and the salary of the secretary of state, it follows that the secretary of state makes over his salary, more than \$10,000 per annum.

Now, Mr. Chamberlain has said that these extra fees are unconstitutional and he is right about that. Lawyers and courts skilled in such matters

may be required to construe doubtful or ambiguous provisions of the constitution, but when the language is plain it needs no construction. The people can read. Instead of arguments, therefore, we quote the entire section of the constitution on the subject:

"Article XIII, Section 1. The governor shall receive an annual salary of \$1500. The secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of \$1500. The treasurer of state shall receive an annual salary of \$800. The judges of the supreme court shall each receive an annual salary of \$2000. They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with their respective offices; and the compensation of officers, if not fixed by this constitution shall be provided by law."

"They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with their respective offices." But the secretary is receiving for himself something over \$10,000 per annum in fees for the performance of duties connected with his office. Now, what becomes of Mr. Fulton's challenge?

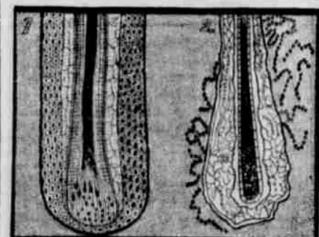
These fees are unconstitutional. They are also unconscionable. The democratic platform is for cutting them off. Mr. Chamberlain proposes to fulfill the pledges of that platform. For so stating in his speeches, Mr. Fulton attacks him with acerbity. He attacks these fees. And speaking for Mr. Furnish, he defends them. But harkee, Charlie! The republican platform also attacks these extravagant fees. It promises to put the state officers on flat salaries. Or was that a misprint? Did it mean to say "fat" salaries?

If it meant what it said, then Chamberlain is also in accord with the republican platform on that subject. And equally so, Mr. Furnish is not in accord with it. He repudiates it. He defends the fee system.

And no wonder, Mr. Dunbar is Mr. Fulton's particular candidate. Mr. Dunbar don't want those fees disturbed. And if Mr. Furnish is elected they won't be disturbed, if he can help it. And just as surely, if Mr. Chamberlain is elected, they will be abolished, if he can accomplish that result.—Portland Journal.

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