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The official returns of the recent election show that Oregon is overwhelmingly republican, by at least 15,000 plurality. Every county in Oregon gave a plurality for the four leading republican candidates except governor. The republican candidate for state printer lost only one county out of the 33 in the state and that was Baker, by the small plurality of 45 votes. Oregon is simply solidly republican and will remain so until the people tire of the burden inflicted by the republican machine which will grow heavier and heavier because those in charge of it know intrenchment in office, but an opportunity of a lifetime in which to feather nests.

Richard Croker cables from London to Tammany leaders in New York that he will never return to politics. Mr. Croker is sensible. He remained in politics so long as it "paid" and if he went back into it he would find it would not "pay." He worked his graft for all it was worth and ran the length of his rope. This question: "Where did he get it?" in connection with Croker has never been answered satisfactorily to the people of New York, who feel that his wealth, which he is now spending in England, came from his pull in politics. The old Spartan law holds good. A man is never really guilty until he is found out. Croker has been found out and found wanting, as well.

The democrats in congress, before adjournment, in a caucus meeting, denounced "the duplicity of the republican majority in its dealings with the questions of Cuban reciprocity and trusts at the late session." The democrats declare that all responsibility for the failure to grant relief to Cuba and the cowardly yielding to the sugar trust must rest with the republican members. The trouble with the democrats in congress is that they take up too much of their time denouncing the republican party when they could use it to better advantage in doing something themselves. The democrats in congress appear to make very poor use of their opportunities. Too many of them are from the south, where indolence and ease creep into men's bones and where lawyers make a profession out of politics and follow it as an avocation.

There are quite a number of business men in Pendleton who think that these should have been a Fourth of July celebration here this year. If these business men had thought a little harder along this line about six weeks ago they could have had a celebration. There was nothing in the way of it, but a little thankless work, which they could have performed in their own interests. These business men surely do not think that a celebration is possible without work and they should be willing to perform their full share of it, not expecting others to carry the whole burden, as in other years. If those who are interested in Fourth of July celebrations will take the initiative in the work of arranging for them, Pendleton will never be without a celebration. But when they sit down and expect others to make the entire sacrifice, both in time and money, we will have to get along without a celebration frequently. Every business man, property owner and citizen in Pendleton needs to have an interest in such things and contribute to their

advancement. When one man fails to carry his part of the burden he throws a double load upon the shoulders of some one else, with the result that shirking becomes general and nothing is done. Here we have the reason why there was no celebration in Pendleton this year. And next year if each Pendletonian will do his share, contribute in both time and money, we can have a rousing celebration. Let each and every kicker, because there is no celebration this year, bear this particularly in mind. Those who expect everything to be done for them are at altogether fair or any too good citizens.

PHILIPPINE LAND VALUES.

Reports from Rome concerning the negotiations with the vatican for the purpose of purchasing the lands now held by the friars in the Philippines, are encouraging, but vague. It is announced that the cardinals appointed by the pope to act for the church are in agreement with Governor Taft on all essential points, but that there are wide differences on matters of detail. Neither side has given out any intimation of the nature of the issues on which the differences occur, but it is probable the question of the amount to be paid for the lands constitutes one of the subjects of disagreement, as a report from Washington some time ago announced that our government estimates the value of the lands at about \$7,000,000, while the church estimated it at not less than \$10,000,000.

Another cause of difficulty in the reaching of an agreement is probably to be found in the character of the credentials given to Governor Taft. He has not gone to Rome as an accredited minister from this country, but simply as an agent to negotiate a business matter. In the instructions given to the governor it is expressly stated: "Your errand will not be in any sense diplomatic in its nature, but will be purely a business matter of negotiation by you as governor of the Philippines for the purchase of property from the owners thereof, and the settlement of land titles in such a manner as to contribute to the best interests of the people of the islands."

Even in the restricted sense of a business agent the governor has not full liberty of action, for whatever he does must be subject to action by congress. Thus the governor is instructed "to take up the subject tentatively with the ecclesiastical superiors, who must ultimately determine the friars' course of conduct, and endeavor to reach at least a basis of negotiation along lines which will be satisfactory to them and to the Philippine government, accompanied by a full understanding on both sides of the facts and the views and purposes of the parties to the negotiation, so that when congress shall have acted the business may proceed to conclusions without delay."

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importance to the people of the Philippines and to ourselves. In a recent statement as to the provisions of the Philippine bill on the subject Senator Lodge said: "It provides adequate and comprehensive land laws, which have been woefully lacking during and since the time Spain lost supremacy there. Under the laws of Spain there was no such thing as a title to land. The occupants of the land exercised no ownership to it, and as a result they were constantly in a state of turmoil. Of the 72,000,000 acres of land there only 5,000,000 acres were held by private individuals. The remaining 68,000,000 acres were held by Spain. Under this bill, homesteads of 40 acres each are to be given to the natives, and they will have a clear title to the land. The 450,000 acres of land which the friars hold, which is the best agricultural land on the islands, is to be purchased, and this is to be disposed of to those who now occupy these lands. This must necessarily bring about better conditions in the way of wages to the Filipinos, and in other important respects."

There is little doubt that congress will agree to terms that may be found satisfactory to the church and to the Philippine government. Hardly anything we could do will more potently conduce to the welfare of the islands than settling land titles and giving the industrious and thrifty among the people a chance to establish homes of their own upon lands that are theirs in fee simple. It is also in the interest of the friars to get rid of the lands, which they can not profitably use under present conditions. Such being the case it may be readily believed that the two parties are already agreed upon the essential points in negotiation. The land will be sold, the United States will guarantee the payment, and the old strife between the Filipinos and the friars will end amicably and in a manner beneficial to all concerned.—San Francisco Call.

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