

Philippine Discussion.

It was suggested by the opposition that Mr. Chamberlain discuss the Philippine question. That he has done wherever he has gone, has removed the impression that he stood for a scuttling policy, and he has proven that he has been grossly misrepresented by the opposition press.

The Journal desires to offer a suggestion reciprocating for the suggestion that came from the other side. It is this: If it be the duty of Mr. Chamberlain to discuss the Philippine question, is it not equally the duty of Mr. Furnish to engage in the same discussion.

As a matter of fact, when has Mr. Furnish ever taken up the Philippine question? When have the voters been told what he believes on this subject? When have the people who went to hear him learned that he has any views upon any mooted question? Has he even read a speech, written by whomsoever, that squinted at the expression of an opinion on any theme that interests the people of Oregon at this time?

The Journal desires not to be unkind. But let it be supposed that someone were to arise in one of his audiences and ask Mr. Furnish what he believes as the doctrine of the island territory being legally the same as other territory over which floats the stars and stripes. What would Mr. Furnish do? Would he turn to Mr. Fulton and ask the Clatsop statesman please to tell the people what he (Mr. Furnish) believes upon the important questions in the suppositious question?

As a matter of fact, has Mr. Furnish any opinions? Has he any beliefs? Does he ever think upon subjects that do not pertain to clipping coupons and filing mortgages or collateral?

Many people are interested in knowing this. The Journal offers another suggestion. Let Judge Balleray or Mr. Fulton or someone else write for Mr. Furnish a lot of answers to queries, label them so that the candidate could file them in his pocket, and then if some obstreperous voter at some meeting asks him an embarrassing question, let the candidate pull out the proper answer and read it to the audience. The Journal offers the suggestion gratuitously.—Portland Journal.

An Able Address.

Hon. Wm. Smith, the democratic nominee for joint senator, delivered the first address of the campaign to a well filled opera house in Ontario last evening.

For one hour and forty minutes Senator Smith held the audience with his oratory. He reviewed his work in the legislature during the past four years that he has been our representative, giving a clear insight into the workings of the law making body of our state.

No one who heard him can doubt but that Senator Smith has been a safe guardian of the interests of the people of Malheur county, as well as the state in general. It is but fair that his labors in behalf of the people he has so ably represented should be rewarded by retaining him in the state senate for the second term.

As we are just going to press we cannot give an extensive review of Senator Smith's remarks.—Ontario Democrat.

The Oregonian frankly insists that Furnish should be elected because this is too important a year for the report to go out that Oregon is a democratic state, and we thereby would be forced to lose our grasp on the Philippine question.

Of course, the question whether we are to retain the island has always been more or less in doubt, but that has been because it had not been decided

whether Banker Furnish was to be governor of Oregon. Congress is waiting with "bated breath" on the result of our vote on governor before it can decide what to do on the great question. Senator Hour is undecided, Bailey is at sea, Morgan is restless on his uncertainty, and even Roosevelt presses his ear to the ground to catch the daily reports from Furnish as to his chances.

"Shall we hold these great islands as our own, or shall we let them revert to the blight of savagery?" inquires Beveridge of Lodge. "Blest if I have any idea what to do until we hear what Oregon does in the matter of the election of governor. That will decide the matter."

"Great God! on what a slender thread hang everlasting things!"—Portland Journal.

Colonel Raley Will Win.

On the authority of the political prophets, Colonel J. H. Raley, of Pendleton, candidate for attorney general, will pass under the wire a winner. The reason assigned for this is that his opponent, a lawyer in southern Oregon, is in disrepute with his brother attorneys all through the state, who are going to serenade him on election day with an anvil chorus, every reputable lawyer in Oregon wielding a hammer. The allegation against the republican candidate is that several years ago he was guilty of the unpardonable sin of swindling one of the "professors," is so crooked and hoggish that he is not satisfied with removing the epidermis from the public generally but attempted to extend his operations to an attorney associated with him in a case. A law suit real-ized, which is famous in the legal annals of Oregon.—Sumpter Miner.

Chamberlain and Butcher.

Two men on the democratic ticket seem to be causing the republican press a deal of trouble just now. They are Geo. E. Chamberlain and W. F. Butcher. Chamberlain's popularity covers the entire state, and will cause him to draw from the republican forces in every county, while Butcher is "swinging around the circle," getting acquainted and making friends throughout the district at a rate that is alarming. If he gains votes for the next four weeks as he has in the past two he will cut the republican majority of 9000 in the district down to a minority, sure.—Dallas Times Mountaineer.

A great many traveling men out of Portland are outspoken in their expressions for Chamberlain for governor.

An alecky young dog, seeing a bear chained to a post, began to bark at the animal. It made the bear more or less warm under its collar, but as the chain was stout it couldn't get at the dog. The pup, seeing it wasn't getting hurt, became more impudent and finally concluded that it could do what it pleased to that bear. Turning to some fellow dogs it said "Just watch me now while I bite a chunk out of that bear."

But as the pup rushed in to take a nip out of the rear quarter of the bear, the animal got action on the pup with a front paw. When a friend of the pup picked it up and laid it on a pile of straw where it could be easy, he said: "If that dog had followed the example of a lot of people who stand away back and work their jaws telling what they would do if they had the chance, he might have maintained a reputation for several years yet of being considerable of a dog."—Ex.

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