

W. R. Andrews, of Grand Rapids, Mich., at a recent toast, got off the following appeal to the Filipinos:

"You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours. There isn't anything like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over to see us—the land of the free—land of fine churches and 40,000 licensed saloons; Bibles, forts and guns, houses of prostitution, millionaires and paupers; theologians and thieves; liberalists and liars; politicians and poverty; Christians and chain gangs; schools and scalawags; trusts and tramps; money and misery; homes and hunger; virtue and vice; a land where you can get a good Bible for fifteen cents or a bad drink of whiskey for five cents; where we have a man in congress with three wives; and a lot in the penitentiary for having two wives; where some men make sausage out of their wives and some want to eat them raw; where we make bolona out of dogs, canned beef out of horses and sick cows, and corpses out of the people who eat it; where we put a man in jail for not having the means of support and on the rock pile for asking for a job of work; where we license bawdy houses and fine men for preaching Christ on the street corner; where we have a congress of 400 men to make laws and a supreme court of nine men to set them aside where good whiskey makes bad men and bad men make good whiskey; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for teaching a lie; where professors draw their convictions from the same place they do their salaries; where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy; where business consists of getting hold of property in any way that won't land you in the penitentiary; where trusts 'hold up' and poverty 'holds down' where men vote for what they do not want, for fear they won't get what they do want by voting for it; where 'niggers' can vote and women can't; where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her male partner flourishes as a gentleman; where women wear false hair and men 'slock' their horses' tails; where the political wire-puller has displaced the patriotic statesman; where men vote for a thing one day and 'cuss' it 364 days; where we have prayers on the floor of our National Capitol and whiskey in the cellar; where we spend \$500 to bury a statesman who is rich and \$10 to put away a working man who is poor; where to be virtuous is to be lonesome and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit on the safety valve of energy and pull wide open the throttle of conscience; where gold is substance—the one thing sought for; where we pay \$15,000 for a dog and fifteen cents a dozen to a poor woman for making shirts; where we teach the untutored Indian eternal life from the Bible and kill him off with bad whiskey; where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf of bread and in congress for stealing a railroad; where the check book talks, sin walks in broad day light, justice is asleep, crime runs amuck, corruption permeates our whole social and political fabric, and the devil laughs from every street corner. Come to us, Filipinos! We've got the greatest aggregation of good things and bad things, hot things and cold things, all sizes, varieties and colors, every exhibition under one tent.

The Chicago Record-Herald comments upon the adoption of the initiative and referendum in Oregon as follows:—Here is a remarkable assertion of popular sovereignty as against legislative and executive power. It is easy to call it an 'attack' on representative government, but the people have a right to 'attack' their agents and servants—that is, to deprive them of some of the power they have long been permitted to exercise—and abuse. The extension of the referendum is inevitable, for the simple and conclusive reason that legislatures are no longer trusted." In this "remarkable assertion" Oregon simply took a step a little in advance of her sister states that will be sure to follow her.

The famous old Liberty Bell which rang out the glad news of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and which has been on exhibition at the Charleston exposition, was returned to Philadelphia Tuesday and placed in Liberty hall, being hauled through the streets escorted by troops and bands of music. Thousands of people along the route cheered as the precious bit of metal passed. At Independence hall the mayor welcomed the bell home on behalf of the city.—Es.

Some republican newspapers are bewailing the fact that Eastern Oregon lost its opportunity to elect an Eastern Oregon man governor by the defeat of Mr. Furnish, but four years ago these same papers were the first to argue that locality should make no difference in the choice of a governor; but at that time the nominee for that office from Eastern Oregon was on the democratic ticket and this time the defeated nominee from our part of the state is a republican—hence the difference.—Ontario Democrat.

The prediction of the French scientist that the wave of volcanic eruption was circling from the West Indies through Central America and up the Pacific coast of North and South America seems to be receiving verification. With the news of volcanic eruption in Hawaii, eruptions in Central and South America, earthquakes in California and volcanic outbursts in Alaska, the Pacific Coast may have occasion to take warning and be prepared for any emergency.

Governor Geer will be asked to include the consideration of the Lewis and Clark fair in his call for an extra session of the legislature. This was decided upon at a meeting of the special committee consisting of Director Devers, Friede and Malloy. The request for early action by the Oregon legislature is made so that the other states make take a hint from Oregon in making an appropriation for the 1905 fair.

The American people are a goodnatured lot. A few weeks ago they who live in Oregon were engaged in almost a quarrel over a few officers. Today, those same people have forgotten the differences of the campaign and it is no longer possible to tell a democrat from a republican as he walks the streets, with conspicuous buttons and badges upon his coat lapel.—Portland Journal.

An exchange says: If President Roosevelt was as popular in the United States senate as he is throughout the country Cuba would have what she deserves, reciprocity trade relations with the United States. Most of the voters of the country think the president's suggestion to the senate will at least carry in the house.

Any Filipinos who, in former battles, have killed any Americans are "ladrones," "bandits," "vagrants" and "outlaws," and if caught are liable to be treated as such. We are so great a people that the Filipinos have no rights that we are bound to respect.—Telegram.

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