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## GOOD NEWS.

On last Monday, while our people were fighting their political battles and the editor of the Bulletin was using his best endeavors to assist the people of this county in electing Hon. R. J. Ginn, who is a resident of our city, to represent them in the Oregon legislature, fully believing that in Mr. Ginn's election we would have a man who would ever be found a vigilant sentinel, untiring and true to the people's interest and who would use his best endeavors and his influence to aid the unfortunate settlers of Sherman county to obtain the relief they are so justly entitled to by our government taking lands from them that by the same government they were invited to settle upon and make their homes, we had a man in congress that on this very day succeeded in getting a favorable report from the interior department, which recommended that relief be given those settlers by congress, and that man was Oregon's own Senator Mitchell.

Some of our friends who are interested in this relief measure think, perhaps, that it drags unduly slow, but we know that Senator Mitchell will push the measure forward to its ultimate passage as fast as possible. And more help will soon be added to what you already have, as Mr. Williamson, the congressman-elect, will use his every endeavor to assist in every way; and success in the near future will crown their work. A more fortunate succession of events than those rapidly following one another during the past twelve months could hardly be imagined, as with Senator Mitchell in the senate, Hon. J. N. Williamson, congressman-elect, and Hon. R. J. Ginn, your own fellow-citizen, who is personally familiar with all the circumstances and who will use all his endeavors at the coming session of the Oregon legislature to see that a U. S. senator will be elected to succeed Simon who will give his attention and undivided effort to assist the work already begun by Senator Mitchell, congress will pass the measure and relief will be given to these poor unfortunates.

The bright sun of relief is now rising, and ere it reaches its noon-day height the efforts of those persons to whom the settlers look forward for relief will be crowned with success. Our government deals justly with its people, and soon the great wrong will be righted. Be patient, as you fellow citizens have now men elected to positions who will work for your interests.

Oregon for the next four years will be governed by Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, a democrat. While Mr. Chamberlain is not our choice, yet as the people by an overwhelming majority said he was the proper man to fill the governor's chair, he is now our governor, and the Bulletin will give him as such governor loyal support. We believe that he will conduct the high office of governor of the State of Oregon with ability, and that the people of every section will be pleased with his administration of affairs. Mr. Chamberlain is a strict democrat, and we honor the man for his convictions; but if any one thinks for one moment that he will let an opportunity slip whereby the interests of his party can be advanced, he is sadly mistaken. He has a right to do this, and no man can say nay.

The election of 1902 is a thing of the past, and has passed into history. The republican party of Sherman county met the enemy and fought a hard fight, and victory perched upon her banner on the state ticket, the majorities running in each instance to over 250, which for a county the size of this is really wonderful. On the ticket were some of our brave boys who fell by the wayside, which is great-

ly to be regretted, as they were all good, substantial citizens of the county; but the voters for reasons of their own saw fit to place others to serve the people. While it is hard sometimes to bow in humble submission to the will of the majority, yet the people have spoken and they are supreme; and the men they have elected to fill the offices are capable, honest and trustworthy, having the interests of the county at heart, and will administer the affairs pertaining to their offices, we doubt not, to the full satisfaction of all.

What a roaring farce this thing is of getting the popular choice for United States senator at state elections! We might as well vote in this way for minister to Turkey, or any other appointive office, as to expect our legislature to respect or even glance at the "popular" choice for senator on the ballots. Another thing. There is no blank line on the ballot under the names of Geer and Wood, so that the people's choice is really Hobson's choice. The people's choice is nothing more or less than the announcement of one man from each of the two parties that he considers himself to be the popular choice for United States senator. You may vote for him if you want to, but for no one else, for there is no blank on the ticket on which to write a name. There are reasons for this omission, of course; but there are no reasons for a few men to imagine they are the ones qualified above all others in the state to designate who shall alone be the popular choice. What a farce!

Those counties of Eastern Oregon whose voters howled the loudest and longest about the rights of the people to be represented in the state affairs of Oregon were the very ones that gave Furnish the blackest eye. While Furnish is not an angel, yet those very counties should have had some local pride and have stood up for Eastern Oregon as Sherman county has done. If the vote given Furnish is any indication of the feelings of the people, they do not want an Eastern Oregon man for governor.

The vote given Hon. R. J. Ginn in his home precinct as well as all over the county, shows the confidence the people have in his ability to represent them in the halls of the legislature. No better selection could have been made. Sherman county has done herself honor by the large vote given him.

Sherman is the banner county, according to the vote cast, in giving Furnish a majority. In fact, it is about the only one in the state that gave him anything, and when he was nominated it didn't go wild over the nomination, like some other counties did which gave him dirt at the polls.

Portland did honor to herself in electing George H. Williams, that old and honored citizen who not only represented Oregon during the dark days of our civil war in the U. S. senate, but afterwards was appointed as attorney-general of the United States.

From Roosevelt's Speech, May 30.

Just at this moment the army of the United States is carrying to completion a small but peculiarly trying and difficult war, in which is involved not only the honor of the flag but the triumph of civilization over forces which stand for the black chaos of savagery and barbarism. These men have fought under terrible difficulties and have received terrible provocation from a very cruel and treacherous enemy. Under the strain of these provocations I deeply deplore to say that some among them have so far forgotten themselves as to counsel and commit, in retaliation, acts of cruelty. The fact that for every guilty act committed by one of our troops a hundred acts of far greater atrocity have been committed by the hostile natives upon our troops or upon the peaceable and law-abiding natives who are friendly

to us cannot be held to excuse the wrong-doer on our side. Determined and unswerving effort must be made, and is being made, to find out every instance of barbarity on the part of our troops, to punish those guilty of it, and to take if possible even stronger measures than have already been taken to minimize or prevent the occurrence of all such instances in the future.

The rules of warfare which have been promulgated by the war department and accepted as the basis of conduct by our troops in the field are the rules laid down by Abraham Lincoln. These rules provide, of course, for the just severity necessary in war. The most destructive of all forms of cruelty would be to show weakness where sternness is demanded by iron need. But all cruelty is forbidden, and all harshness beyond what is called for by need. Our enemies in the Philippines have not merely violated every rule of war, but have made of these violations their only method of carrying on the war. We would have been justified by Abraham Lincoln's rules of war in infinitely greater severity than has been shown. The fact really is that our warfare in the Philippines has been carried on with singular humanity. For every act of cruelty by our men there have been innumerable acts of forbearance, magnanimity and generous kindness. These are the qualities that have characterized the war as a whole. The cruelties have been wholly exceptional on our part.

The guilty are to be punished; but in punishing them, let those who sit at ease at home, who walk delicately and live in the soft places of the earth, remember also to do them common justice. Let not the effortless and the untempted rail overmuch at strong men who with blood and sweat face years of toil and days and nights of agony, and at need lay down their lives in remote tropic jungles to bring the light of civilization into the world's dark places. The warfare that has extended the boundaries of civilization at the expense of barbarism and savagery has been for centuries one of the most potent factors in the progress of humanity. Yet from its very nature it has always and everywhere been liable to dark abuses.

The slowly learned and difficult art of self-government, an art which our people have taught themselves by the labor of a thousand years, cannot be grasped in a day by a people only just emerging from conditions of life which our ances-

tors left behind them in the dim years before history dawned. We believe that we can rapidly teach the people of the Philippine islands not only to enjoy but how to make good use of their freedom; and with their growing knowledge their growth in self-government shall keep steady pace. When they have thus shown their capacity for real freedom by their power of self-government, then, and not till then, will it be possible to decide whether they are to exist independently of us or be knit to us by ties of common friendship and interest. When that day will come it is not in human wisdom now to foretell. All that we can say with certainty is that it would be put back an immeasurable distance if we should yield to the counsels of unmanly weakness and turn loose the islands, to see our victorious foes butcher with revolting cruelty our betrayed friends, and shed the blood of the most humane, the most enlightened, the most peaceful, the wisest and best of their own number—for these are the classes who have already learned to welcome our rule.

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