

Reasons Why Geer Was Thrown Down

IF GEER had been renominated he would have gone out over the state and made a jawbone campaign, and talked hayseed Republicanism until the cows came home, and he would have carried the whole ticket with him.

The nation wouldn't have had to hire a lot of Eastern campaign orators to save the state, and Harvey Scott couldn't have made a trip back East to represent how many thousands were needed to carry Oregon.

Charley Fulton wouldn't have been needed to toot for the whole ticket, and pack Brother Furnish around under his arm, and make Fulton the great Republican leader who saves the whole state.

As a candidate for United States senator Fulton and Scott did not want a long, lean, lanky Waldo Hills farmer going over the state a second time, carrying every county on mere oratory.

With Geer out of the way, Fulton became the whole thing as the campaign leader on the stump, and Harvey Scott became the whole newspaper power behind the incoming administration, and either one may be senator.

Geer was dangerous, because he could carry the state by 15,000 and never sweat a hair or spend a dollar beyond hotel bills. Now there must be business doing to elect the ticket.

With a candidate who cannot talk Republicanism, with no one on the ticket who can make a campaign speech, Fulton and Scott are the whole thing. One can run the state, the other the national end of the party.

So Geer was slaughtered to make a Portland holiday. A silent inexperienced man must be elected to the head of the state, or Republicans must snow under the Scott-Fulton hierarchy, and assert their rights to control the party themselves.

With the complicated registration law there will be a smaller number of voters permitted to vote each year, and the bosses of Furnish will be able to keep their grip on the state for ten years to come.

Geer was rapidly developing along lines of general popular government. He was saying things for the direct legislation, direct nomination and direct election of senators by the people. He seemed to mean it, too.

That kind of a man might get where he did not need the Oregonian or Fulton to make him great before the people, and such men are dangerous to these bosses.

As Julius Caesar said of Cassius: "See you lean and hungry Cassius. He thinks too much. He looks quite through the deeds of men. I would he were fatter. Let me have none about me who are not sleek and fat."

So the Scott-Fulton-Brownell-Kuykendoodle combine got their daggers ready, and Geer went down in the market-place of political ambitions. But his spirit haunts the political situation. It will not down.

As George Chamberlain said at Macleay, he may be the next United States senator from Oregon.

Oregon Political History Repeating Itself This Year

IN 1870 Governor Woods was turned down in a Republican state convention, and General Palmer was nominated. In spite of the fact that Woods went out and made the campaign for Palmer, who could not talk, Palmer was defeated, and Grover, Democrat was elected.

In 1874 J. C. Tolman was nominated by the Republicans and Mallory went out and talked for a man who was no campaigner. Tolman was defeated and Grover was re-elected.

In 1878 Beekman was nominated by the Republicans. He could not talk, and Thayer, Democrat, who made his own campaign, was elected.

In 1882 the Republicans elected Moody. He went all over the state and made his own canvass, but did not try to make any speeches.

In the campaign of 1902 the Republicans turned down Governor Geer and put up a man who is giving his party a substitute campaign. Chamberlain is making his own campaign, and history will tell the result.

A Question That Will Not Down

RECENT disclosures as to army methods in the Philippines have again brought prominently to the front the question of what shall be done with these islands.

President Schurman, of Cornell College, who studied the question face to face with the Filipinos, has well said:

"Any decent government of Filipinos by Filipinos

is better than the best possible government of Filipinos by Americans."

And infinitely better is self-government by the Filipinos than "water-cure" and bayonet government by brutal military officers.

Another sentence written by President Schurman deserves the careful attention of every citizen of this country:

"The American people cannot be democratic at home and despotic in Asia; and independence is the only alternative to despotism in the Philippines, except the admission of the islands as a state in the American Union, which is forever impracticable."

The logical solution of the problem is that the Filipinos must eventually be allowed to govern themselves in their own way. This boon of independence should first be promised, and granted as soon thereafter as peace and order shall have been restored, as in the case of Cuba.—Sacramento Bee.

The Democratic platform in Oregon goes a step further, and says they shall be given independent self-government as soon as they have been properly educated and prepared for that step in their evolution as a nation.

That is the sentiment of men like Senator Hoar, and the best and most conservative Republicans. It

Harvard, and like Daly, his Republicanism is of the stalwart and honorable variety.

The people of these counties will make a great mistake if they do not return these gentlemen to the senate.

They are the antithesis of the thoughtless, reckless, don't-care-a-d—d style of breechclout statesmanship so prevalent in these latter days.

They are men who will stand for what is right though the heavens fall, and as nearly incorruptible as they make men in these days.

THE JOURNAL advises people of all parties to vote for such men and no honest man should vote for the opposite stripe in Oregon.

Working Oregon for Another Big Slice

A PORTLAND paper prints a page about speeches made in a tattered state down south in honor of Oregon day at a midway show running there.

The Hon. So-and-so is quoted as saying a grand thing about the resources of Oregon and the Pacific

Furnish in Umatilla county where there was an opportunity to secure a fee, where he did not say yes.

The Umatilla papers are alive right along with published instances from the records where he has said "yes" to every opportunity that has been offered to pocket a fee.

Why, there is the very leak in our state's affairs that most needs corking, and the Oregonian is making the plea to stop fee grabbing is to put a man in the first office of the state who has always said "yes."

THE JOURNAL is opposing Furnish because of his established predisposition to say "yes" and take everything that is in sight. This is his history in Umatilla county. He is said to be an "organizer." He is evidently it. No man in the state has succeeded in "organizing" more fees into a good thing than this same Furnish.

Has he ever said "no" in his life when it was against his own interests to do so? A waiting public is listening for the Oregonian to print on its editorial page one single "no" he ever uttered. Sort out one instance of the kind from the official records of Umatilla county as they are published every day.

It will be a sorry day for the farmers of Oregon if they vote to put this man at the head of the state government whose only claim is that he became an efficient "organizer" through his collection of fees from the people of Umatilla county.

The Weston Leader says "the records show that he drew \$48,000 from this county as fees, or for 1200 working days he drew \$40 for every day." The Leader also says that he charged the county \$1,200 for a delinquent tax list and settled with the printer for \$249.

Think what a field this "organizer" would have at the head of the state government! At the end of four years he could easily buy the nomination for the presidency. No wonder the Oregonian said the next day after the state convention that his had been a "remarkable career," and that "with his capabilities there was no limit to what he might yet accomplish."

Certainly not, if he had the state back of him in record of Umatilla county. Harvey evidently knew his record as well as the people are beginning to know it now.

By all means, we should have a man in the executive office who can say "no."

But there are occasions when Mr. Furnish could also say "no" with a great deal of avidity—for instance if the people gave Geer more votes for senator than they give him for governor.

If he were asked if Geo. Chamberlain did right to give up his beautiful home to satisfy debts not of his own contracting, he'd probably say "no."

If he were asked if the flat salary plank in the Republican platform meant anything he'd probably say "no."

coast, and most fulsome eulogies are inserted.

It is not stated how much salaries the orators are drawing for holding down the old exhibit that has been carted around at many such midways, nor how much the Portland paper gets for booming the whole graft.

The state pays \$5,000 for the exhibit, as it has paid for immoral and demoralizing exhibits for midway shows at other large cities.

This office is daily in receipt of prepared typewritten articles booming the St. Louis midway in 1905 and Oregon is to put up \$25,000.

When will the people quit being worked for suckers through their legislatures for these midway shows?

They take us for cheap and easy guys to be so easily worked to boom real estate schemes in some suburb of St. Louis or Skineateles.

The wonderful popularity of Mr. Furnish at home is not reflected in the press of Umatilla county. Of the seven papers published in that county all but one, the Pendleton Tribune, are supporting Mr. Chamberlain.

"Why did you nominate W. J. Furnish for governor?" was asked of a delegate from one of the Eastern Oregon sheep counties to the Republican state convention. The reply was, "Mr. Furnish wanted honors, and we needed money."

More Inconsistencies of Harvey Scott

WON. H. R. KINCAID, ex-secretary of state, has the following leader in the Oregon State Journal of May 10th:

The Oregonian recently published a leading editorial in which it defended and strongly supported the present lavish state expenditures, and strongly ridiculed the idea that there could be any reduction, and charged those who favor any reduction with dishonesty in pretending to favor something to get votes that all sensible people know cannot be accomplished. If its position on this question is correct now it was false and misleading from 1895 to 1899, during the state administration. Then it clamored almost daily for a great reduction in expenses. It said the appropriations were monstrous, the fees and salaries were outrageous, and everything ought to be cut down to bedrock. The man who disbursed the appropriation was a "fee-grabber," and received about \$18,000 a year, when he ought to be cut down to \$1500, the members of the legislature were "grafters," and the whole brood of office-holders were a nasty set of "tax-eaters." Everything was all wrong, then. But now, when the fees have increased by reason of increase in business, and must be double what they were in 1895-96, during the great business depression, nobody hears a howl from the great disinterested moral reformer, about fees being \$36,000 a year, and ought to be cut down to \$1500. The appropriations were entirely too large then, and the men who made them were a set of "grafters," and should be forever debarred from holding any position of trust, having been weighed in the balance and found to be extravagantly reckless and dishonest. But now, when the appropriations are vastly greater than they were then, no sensible person expects them to be less, and those who talk about reducing them are fools or demagogues, trying to get votes on false pretenses, and the appropriations and expenses will be much larger next year than ever before and will continue to increase every year. These are the two contradictory positions of the Oregonian, the leading organ of the so-called Republican party of Oregon, and the ablest paper so far as its editor is concerned, on the Pacific coast and second to none in the United States. Its present position is more reasonable and nearer correct than its former, unjust, misleading and apparently malicious position was, but both were and are extreme, and calculated, if not intended, to mislead the great masses of the people who look to the leading paper of the state for correct information. The men who were so misrepresented and slandered then were not exactly in harmony with the great paper on the money question and in the election of a senator, but the great paper has gone back on itself and is now in harmony with the gang of "grafters," and "tax-eaters" who are now in complete control of the so-called Republican organization in Oregon and are using it for all that there is in it. Therefore what was awfully awful then is altogether lovely now the more the better, and will increase from year to year until every member of the gang will have plenty.

Will Meet the Whole Public

WHEN FURNISH came to town the first time it was announced that up to a certain time he would meet his Republican friends, and later he would meet the general public.

It is understood that when Geo. E. Chamberlain comes to town Saturday he will see the general public and people of one party will be just as welcome as those of another.

Of course, it was a slip of a newspaper that offered the Republicans the first chance to get near Mr. Furnish. At the same time it is not out of place to say that Mr. Chamberlain is not making a party campaign and is as glad to see Republicans as Democrats, Populists, Socialists, Prohibitionists and any other kind of people who have the interests of a good state at heart.

Move Toward More Democratic Form of Government

IT MAY not be generally known that at the coming election in Oregon a constitutional amendment establishing the initiative referendum is to be voted on. The amendment provides that while the legislative power of state is vested in a legislative assembly, consisting of a senate and house of representatives, yet the people reserve to themselves power to propose laws and amendments to the constitution, and to enact or repeal the same at the polls, independent of the legislative assembly, and also reserve power at their own option to approve or reject at the polls any act of the legislative assembly.



Ideal Man for Governor Who Can Say No

A MISFIT—Furnish: Vote for me, Republicans, I'm a Democrat, but I've got Geer's clothes on.—Oregon City Courier-Herald.

THE OREGONIAN has been clamoring for a man in the governor's chair who "can say no."

If Oregon has ever suffered because of its Governor's lack of ability to say "no," there is promise of relief in that direction by Mr. Furnish.

If there has been any one characteristic of his past career it was his readiness to say "yes" to everything that had promise of reward to Furnish.

THE JOURNAL challenges any paper in the state to point out a single instance in the public life of

was the sentiment repeatedly uttered by President McKinley.

It is the sentiment of the best-thinking and most humane elements of all parties of the American people.

Only the office-holding class of politicians who want the islands exploited for political purposes call this scuttle.

They call anything scuttle that savors of humanity, and does not propose to prostitute and exploit the Philippines for partisan purposes.

Two Good Men Have Been Renominated

SENATOR DALY of Benton county and Senator Howe of Yamhill county have been renominated by the Republicans.

There are men who have made good records for the people in the upper house of the Oregon legislature.

Senator Daly was the author of the Daly textbook law that drove the iniquity known as the textbook trust out of the business in Oregon.

Senator Howe is a substantial business man of Carleton, Yamhill county, and was one of the pillars of the senate in the special and regular sessions of 1899 and 1900.

He was a class mate of President Roosevelt at