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Gen. Otis in a speech in Rochester said that he had heard a great deal about the Philippines since he came home. Well, the people have said all the time that he did not know anything about it.

Otis says that the intelligent men do not want the United States to withdraw from the Philippines. Therefore Aguinaldo, Bryan, Hoar, and hundreds of thousands of others are not intelligent.

A triumph was accorded Gen. Otis at Rochester on the 15th. It only cost Uncle Sam \$100,000. This sort of expenses looks like pure extravagances. Messrs. Otis, Dewey and others were in the employ of the government, and got their pay, which they deserved for duty done. They are not entitled to any more. When a farmer hires a man and pays him he is not expected to prepare at great cost a banquet after. We believe in giving honor to whom honor is due, and if people want a big day and want

to hire the band out of their own pockets it is alright. That is their business. But to spend money out of the public funds for such purposes is outside the duty of democratic governments. Rome did lots of such work and was ruined.

The legislature has so amended the amendment that it believes it to be free from all of its most objectionable features.

The trouble in St Louis is still absorbing the attention of the public. The situation is very much strained. The company is losing as much as 30,000 dollars per day. The amount of wages lost to the men is immense. Such things are deplorable, and it would be better if they could be avoided. Perhaps both parties are a little too stubborn.

The war is over in the Philippines, that is, it is over on the other side of the Pacific ocean.

Hotel keepers are reaping the harvest of dollars this week.

As the campaign progresses we hear more and more appeals made to the passions of men instead of a fair presentation of arguments. We advise our patrons to pay no attention to such appeals. If a man wants to present arguments let him do so, and listen to him. But when he begins to be abusive let the interview come to an end. If a question has no merits it is unworthy your notice. Deal with all men in such a manner that they will acknowledge you as a gentleman.

In an editorial in the "Union Republican," of Winston, last week, the editor accuses the Register of being a Democratic paper. If the Republican means that independence is democracy, it is right. If it means that we are democratic as opposing the

Republicans, he is wrong. We are strictly independent, but have opened our columns to both sides.

We are not responsible for the views of other people. We are not the tail to any man's kite. We will speak out in meetin' whenever we think the meetin' is not right.

Roberts is said to be negotiating terms of surrender with Kruger and Botha through their wives.

England is very much busy at this time. Johannesburg, Pretoria, Peking,—where next?

Candidates are in evidence.

We wish for more heroes of the Schley type. Admiring friends insist on him allowing his name to be used in the coming convention, he replies in the following letter:

"I know nothing of politics or of political life, and under no circumstances would I allow the use of my name before a political convention for any office. I have passed the age when presidential and other bees worry me. I know nothing of the duties of any political office, and am fully content to live the years left me in quiet retirement from the turmoil of any office. I am resolved irrevocably not to accept any office, should it be tendered, and in my absence, if elected, I would not served.

Dewey must be trying to slip up on the convention easy like he did the Spaniards at Manila. He is so quiet.

We are about to come to a point that will test the ability of our statesmen to keep out of entangling alliance with the European powers over the Chinese situation.

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