

Forum of the Weekly Press.



Plattsburg (Mo.) Leader: Nebraskans, too, stand square for true democracy.

North Vernon (Ind.) Sun: Will an American paper be considered "yellow" in saying "Hurrah for the Boers."

Mayfield (Ky.) Mirror: The republicans have always pretended to be the champions of home industries, yet they have by unjust legislation crippled one of the greatest industries in the United States. We refer to the silver industry.

Gentry (Ark.) Journal-Advance: The democratic party favors the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and that method has been practiced by the party in Arkansas in choosing candidates for several years.

Macon (Mo.) Times-Democrat: When these "reorganizers" talk about going east for their candidate for president they only intensify the feeling towards them already existing in the party. We feel like demanding a western man, one who has been loyal and true to the party.

Marysville (Kas.) Advocate-Democrat: If the republicans of ten years from now stand by the doctrines of William McKinley it will be a surprise to students of history. The republicans have repudiated every leader they have had since the organization of the party.

Darlington (Wis.) Democrat: A correspondent asks, "What is a democrat?" We are of the opinion that a democrat is one who believes in the principles adopted by the last democratic national convention and votes the democratic ticket.

Two Rivers (Wis.) Chronicle: Those so-called democratic papers that are editorially but the echo of the Chicago Chronicle, are lacking in either self-respect or self-reliance. The Chicago Chronicle is an organ of the national bank syndicate—only this and nothing more.

Cuba (N. Y.) Democratic Times: In order that the common people may be able to see through the money question the government is going to issue a two-cent piece with a hole in the center. We trust our misguided friends will discover the error of their way and repent.

Jackson (O.) Herald: The democrat, who fails to respect the memory of a conscientious and upright president because he differs in his political views, is a mean man, but he is a gentleman when compared to the republican who attempts to make political capital out of a death that is sincerely mourned by the whole nation.

Sycamore (Ill.) Broadside: We want all the "harmony" it is possible to have, if it is not at the expense of principle—but as between harmony and principle we will stand for principle every time. But those who are now talking so strongly for harmony, sweet harmony, should have thought of harmony five years and one year ago.

Guthrie (Okl.) Observer: Democrats keep your eye on those pretended democrats, who are so useful and beneficial to the republican party as to secure favors and official recognition from republican office-holders. They are entirely too intimate and useful to that party to be of any benefit to ours.

Memphis (Tex.) News: Some of the republican leaders are giving themselves a great deal of uneasiness about democratic timber for the presidency in 1904. We think that an inventory of the democratic forest will show as few stumps and rotten logs as the republican woods. The democratic trees may not look as flourishing on the outside as the republican "green bay trees," but they are not nearly so rotten on the inside.

Elizabethtown (Ill.) Independent-Star: Even republican papers and republican voters are beginning to wonder how those protected industries can afford to go unprotected into Europe and sell

cheaper than they do at home. They do it just the same, and, of course, make money by the transaction. No wonder the laboring men who pay taxes to protect these great combines grow restless when they think the people in the old world buy the same article cheaper than we do.

Pomeroy (O.) Democrat: Democrats believed the policy of McKinley as to the acquisition of foreign territory wrong. They did not agree with his attitude on the questions of tariff duties and on other important questions of national import. They differed from him in life and his death, though tragic and deplorable, does not change this difference of opinion. The attempt of politicians like Chairman Dick and others, to make political capital out of the death of the late president is detestable.

Montrose (Pa.) Democrat: The nation, regardless of party, commends that part of the recent Nebraska democratic platform, which was adopted and which says, "We favor stringent immigration laws that will exclude anarchists, and state and national laws that will suppress anarchy." It will be the duty of democrats, republicans and all patriotic statesmen to have passed such laws as will suppress and eradicate anarchy and its teachings, at the same time not to abridge liberty. We want liberty, but not license.

Hastings (Neb.) Republican: It is the democratic party to which the country must still look for tariff protection. The paramount issue in 1904 promises to be the joint issue of the trusts and the tariff. It will almost certainly be found that the republican party is still subservient to the will of the trusts, and the trusts demand the maintenance of the high protective tariff. American democracy should fight a winning fight in 1904. The American people now realize that protection has protected the rich at the increasing expense of the poor.

Huntington (Ind.) News-Democrat: Democrats who wish to control the government and secure a revision of the tariff and the control of the trusts through an amendment to the anti-trust law and other necessary legislation, must work earnestly that fit men, able, honest and true, are nominated for congress and for members of the legislatures that will elect United States senators. It is none too soon to be shaping events to this end. First-class nominations will always bring added support to such candidates, in many congressional districts enough to turn the tide of battle.

Columbia (Pa.) Independent: Despite the tragic changes at Washington, interest in democratic presidential possibilities for 1904 has not been even temporarily eliminated. It is a significant fact that republican leaders discuss the matter with quite as much speculative energy as their opponents. Democrats are silent, but confident. They know that the crisis will bring the man. A great party is never without a conspicuous champion, and there is such a quantity of good democratic timber to be brought into requisition when the time arrives that the future may be considered with equanimity.

Havana (Ill.) Democrat: Out of sixteen editorials published last week by the hired writers of the state republican literary bureau, six attack Bryan, none mention McKinley, one praises the Chicago Chronicle and three defend Governor Yates' bad appointments and attack the Chicago papers that dare to criticize them. According to that test, Bryan is still the greatest man in the United States, and the Chicago Chronicle is the paper all democrats should take if they want to please the managers of the republican party.

Jones County (Ia.) Times: If the democracy went into the campaign of 1896 on any other than the Chicago platform, instead of polling 6,500,000 votes it would have polled 4,000,000. While waging the campaign on the Chicago and Kansas City platform, the democracy has been defeated,

but if it had adopted any other platform, it would have been defeated by greater majorities. The party demonstrated it could not be led by Wall street financial magnates, and is re-establishing itself in the confidence of the people, and it will be but a short time until it will again be triumphant.

Minden (Neb.) Courier: Yes, it is wrong to fuse, to get together, to combine, to co-operate, especially when the party in power is assailed. Now, in all candor, has there ever been one valid argument evolved against fusion? It is the fundamental principle of government. In olden times people got together to protect themselves from the ravages of wild beasts and hostile tribes. Now people combine not only for protection, but for economy and other mutual advantages. The object of fusion is protection against the ravages of trusts and corporations, and where is the wrong for all who are opposed to trusts to unite and destroy them?

Des Moines (Ia.) Gazette: A few years ago the farmers were hurrahing for a protective tariff that would protect them in the wool growing industry and would shut out the foreigner and advance the prices on this commodity. Now the wool trust has forced down the price of wool to a point which makes it unprofitable to the producer. After all that has been said about protection to the wool grower he is now at the mercy of a great wealthy corporation that is absorbing all the profits of that industry. The tariff protects the monopoly, but gives no protection to the wool grower. How many farmers there are in Iowa that will still favor such a protection as this remains to be seen.

Elizabethtown (Ky.) News: Anarchy should be suppressed, but in our extreme haste to get rid of these red-mouthed scoundrels, we are liable to go to an extreme and pass laws that in the future may be used to abridge the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech. Any abridgement of the rights guaranteed to our citizens in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution is dangerous to the life of the republic. Suppress anarchy, if possible, by law, although it has never been done in the monarchies with the most stringent regulations and statutes, but guard the right of the citizen to advocate reforms of any kind and the right to criticize and condemn the public acts of our officials both in the forum, upon the stump and the press.

Hardy (Ark.) Herald: The Herald knows it is right, and to be right is the acme of wisdom. For smartness nothing can beat simply being right. Did it never occur to the time-servers who are advocating a republicanized democratic candidate in the mistaken belief that such a leader will bring success that it is better to walk in defeat on God's side than to ride in the triumphant bandwagon of the devil? Although in every contest during our brief span of life we may see the banner of right and justice beaten down into the dust, yet it is better policy as well as better principle to fight on for the defeated right rather than follow, for the sake of loot, the horrid battle-flag of victorious wrong. It is the actual, practical truth we are telling you, and no iridescent dream.

Dunklin (Tex.) Democrat: Senator Vest is quoted as saying that the silver money question should not be brought before the next democratic national convention. Imperialism, trusts and an income tax are the main questions, in his opinion. No matter how dear Mr. Vest has been to Missouri democrats, there are few of them who will agree with him that "it would be suicidal to thrust the silver issue forward again." That will likely not be the leading issue, but it will be prominent in the next national platform, for there are six million of democrats who believe that silver and gold should both be recognized as money, and the same number believe that both metals should be coined into money by the government free of cost. As to what the exact ratio should be may be a question for debate; but a ratio should be established and maintained.