

THE FORUM OF THE WEEKLY PRESS

THINGS IN GENERAL.

Burnside (Ky.) Item: The senate's anarchy issue will not serve to distract popular attention from the reciprocity and colonial questions.

Coldwater (Mich.) Star: Senator Stewart says Providence settled the silver question, and so he feels free to return to the republican party. Why not remain with Providence?

Maysville (Mo.) Herald: A great many want to put the anarchists on an island and let them run it to suit themselves. Too bad we cannot be as generous toward other islands as we would to the one proposed.

Petersburg (Tenn.) Enterprise: It is said that the original Declaration of Independence is fading, so that it can now hardly be read. For a long time the principles have been forgotten, yea, lost, and the politicians of today are not making a vigorous search to find them.

Lexington (Mo.) Intelligencer: The republicans seem determined to pass the ship subsidy bill, steal or no steal. Leaders of that party have passed that stage where shame cuts any figure in the case. In their scramble for spoils they have become daringly open in their rascally doings.

Balavio (O.) Sun: It seems to us that a judge has only the same recourse as any other public official when his acts are criticised, and has no more right to imprison a man for expressing his views after a decision has been rendered than has a president, governor or congressman.

Grant City (Mo.) Times: If the republican majority in congress is foolish enough to use such a chunk of political dynamite as the new Force bill, now called "congressional reapportionment," for a partisan football, they need not be surprised when the inevitable explosion takes place.

Ironton (Mo.) Register: When the democratic party entered upon its fight against monopoly, it was stirred to its depths. A condition of ferment was created that will eventually force every friend of monopoly out of its ranks. When it gets rid of this element it will begin to draw new recruits.

Fairfield (Ill.) Sun: The republican party, controlled by the protected interests, will, in dealing with the possessions, endeavor to consider them a part of this country for one purpose and foreign country for other purposes. In short, that party, being controlled as stated, will be sure to do what it can to protect the protected.

Durango (Colo.) Democrat: It is a sad commentary upon a republican form of government to have the masses who toil and produce petitioning the nation's executive and federal congress to restrain the courts from flagrant abuse of injunction power. And yet labor is doing this in Chicago and elsewhere—those who toil are also getting what they voted for.

Maryville (Mo.) Forum: The reorganizers in Ohio directed the democratic campaign and were completely knocked out all along the line. The reorganizers have been doing a whole lot of talking about how things should be run and will probably go away back and sit down after their Ohio experience.

TARIFF AND TRUSTS.

Lincoln (Neb.) Independent: Every trust organ in the country, and they include all of the straight republican papers, re-echo the cry: "Don't touch the tariff."

Elyria (O.) Democrat: The democrats are not in favor of high taxes when there is no need of it, but the republicans are. The McKinley policy is to be kept up right along.

Ramsey (Ill.) News-Journal: President Roosevelt has different opinions on the trust question and the ship subsidy as president to what he had when governor of New York or vice president.

Carrollton (Ill.) Gazette: The Indiana and Illinois coal operators have formed a combine. They will now proceed to rob the people while President Roosevelt is talking about publicity.

Alton (Ill.) Sentinel-Democrat: Let the republicans in congress dodge the tariff revision question if they dare. Nothing would make more certain the election of a democratic majority of the house next year.

Colfax (Wash.) Commoner: If President Roosevelt in his message to congress had advocated legislation to protect the people from the trusts half as strenuously as he advocated legislation to protect public officials from anarchists, the nation would have been better satisfied with the document.

Slater (Mo.) Rustler: Republican wishes and actions in this connection seem antagonistic. In other words, they are posing before the public as enemies of the trust and at the same time are doing nothing to suppress them. How long a patient nation will put up with such action remains to be seen.

Gove City (Kas.) Advocate: Publicity is essential, of course, but it is not the remedy for trusts. The true remedy is to take from them their special privileges and to restore to the people the natural wealth of the earth which these great corporations have taken. President Roosevelt should suggest some legislation which will fit the case.

Pittsfield (Ill.) Democrat: The president knows that no reciprocity treaties on the lines he has laid down can possibly be negotiated. But reciprocity has come to be a party Shibboleth, chosen ad captandum, to tickle the ears of the dissatisfied in the republican party, and the president must pronounce it, although his lips are awry with the knowledge that it means nothing.

Newport (Tenn.) Times: President Roosevelt says, "It is not true that the rich have grown richer and the poor have grown poorer." His statement is only partially true. There is a point beyond which the poor do not grow poorer. To do so would be to starve, but it is true that the aggregate number of the poor has increased.

Kingfisher (Ok.) Times: If publicity is desirable for the trusts, why not for every tariff protected industry? The trusts receive their charters from the state, but the tariff protected industries receive their profits from the people.

BRITAIN AND THE BOERS.

English (Ind.) Democrat: Ex-Congressman Bourke Cockran thinks one word in behalf of the Boers from Mr. Roosevelt would end the war in South Africa, but he didn't furnish the recipe for extracting that word.

Columbus (Mont.) News: When the war in South Africa ends, and Europe gets back her manufacturing supremacy, there will be a big jollification meeting among the kings, emperors, and other big guns over the water.

St. Edwards (Neb.) Advance: The English are certainly doing everything to disprove the theory that extreme cruelty in war is confined to the Spanish race—a theory that was very popular during the trouble in Cuba.

Strasburg (Pa.) Home: In the case of Colonel Lynch of the Boer army, who was recently elected a member of the British parliament, it may be allowable to remark that while there are many bores in parliament no Boer is likely to be admitted.

Fonda (N. Y.) Democrat: Nearly six thousand deaths in the prison pens in South Africa during October and November, nearly half of them children. That is the way "the most highly civilized nation" is making war on the Boers.

Chamberlain (S. D.) Journal: England is starving the Dutch women and children to death in the Transvaal camps by the thousands, and our native Momedan savage scouts are beheading insurgent prisoners as a mark of Anglo-Saxon civilization presented by the two of us.

Preston (Minn.) National Republican: The brutality of the English management of their concentration camps in South Africa is shown by the mortality therein. In October there were 3,156 deaths, 2,633 being children. In November there were 2,807 deaths, 2,271 being children. This horror should be abated by honest governments, if there are any.

Penn's Grove (N. J.) Record: Twenty million dollars for the Philippine islands, \$85,000,000 for maintaining an army in the Philippines one year, \$60,000,000 Spanish war claims. Being a "world power" makes a beautiful topic for an after-dinner speech, but it's a little expensive. Besides the trade argument drops out when we learn that the United States has secured only ten per cent of the foreign trade of those islands.

Glenns Falls (N. Y.) Republican: What has stifled the voice and palsied the arm of liberty-loving Americans in the latter days? Is it not because the imperialists and exploiters have seized the control of our government and quenched the fires of liberty-loving patriotism which was once the natural inheritance of American citizenship? Is it not because these imperialists want and expect to be compelled to do in the Philippines what England is doing in South Africa that the American republic cannot express sympathy for South African republics and that our boasted love for liberty and sympathy for any people struggling for freedom has become a shame and a mockery in the eyes of all the nations of the earth in this dawn of the twentieth century?

THE SCHLEY VERDICT.

Hartford (Ky.) Herald: The majority verdict in the Schley case was an outrage.

De Queen (Ark.) Bee: The people will applaud Dewey's verdict in the Schley inquiry.

Paragould (Ark.) Soliphone: Envious naval officers cannot pluck one laurel from the brow of Schley.

Charleston (Ind.) Hoosier Democrat: The American people will render their verdict in harmony with Admiral Dewey's opinion.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: Admiral Dewey's vindication of Schley was by no means the first time that he has cut loose from the navy department.

Chillicothe (Mo.) Constitution: The minority report of Admiral Dewey in the Schley investigation is the only verdict that will be accepted by the

Rockville (Ind.) Times: Admiral Dewey's finding in the Schley court of inquiry is, and has been all along, the judgment of the people of the United States.

Adrian (Mich.) Press: The real judges in the Schley court of inquiry are the American people, and their unanimous verdict was voiced in the words of Admiral Dewey.

Meadville (Pa.) Farmer: The verdict of the Schley court of inquiry is not more disappointing to the American people than the slander that led to the investigation was contemptible and infamous.

Corning (Ia.) Free Press: Dewey stands by Schley and the country has always stood by Dewey. The men who destroyed the Spanish navy are known to the people and no partisan finding will change their minds.

Schley County (Ga.) News: No one knows how to judge Schley's actions in the Santiago battle like Dewey, and that is the main reason why the American people will accept his opinion against the other two judges.

Petersburg (Neb.) Index: Admiral Dewey's position taken in the Schley court of inquiry is correct and if put to a vote of the people, Admiral Schley would have the entire indorsement unless it would be such as Admirals Benham, Ramsey and a few others.

Rochester (Minn.) Democrat: Admiral Dewey had his ear to the ground. He has had reason to know the temper of the American people. With the majority of the board of inquiry against Schley, the hero of Manila staunchly vindicates the hero of Santiago.

American people. Platte City (Mo.) Landmark: But the people don't care a cent for the put-up verdict. They know who sent the Spanish boats to the bottom of the sea, and all the Maclays, Ramseys and Benhams on earth cannot persuade them otherwise.

North Yamhill (Ore.) Record: But successful as was the conspiracy from the standpoint of the conspirators, it does not discredit Schley, but serves to place farther disrepute upon the conspirators. Of all the damnable plots that have been hatched in high official places, not excepting the Dreyfus affair, this one takes first position.