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Lawrenceville (Ga.) News-Herald: The people agree with the president of the court.

Freeport (Ill.) Bulletin: But economic arguments as well as sentiments of humanity, plead in vain with the spirit of protection.

Mount Holly (N. J.) Democrat: Their forcible government will cost the people of the states yearly millions and the sacrifice of countless American lives.

Tipton (Tenn.) Record: The hatred of the north for brown men and their love for black men is hard to account for. Why slavery for the brown man and freedom for the black?

Gretna (Neb.) Breeze: It is at least gratifying to learn that the republicans are beginning to realize that protection needs a "handmaiden." It has had much wet nursing.

Greenville (Pa.) Progress: Army officers are of the opinion that 50,000 soldiers will be needed in the Philippines for five years more. We are paying pretty dearly for our new possessions in the Pacific.

West Union (O.) Defender: Uncle Sam is paying out over \$3,000,000 a year in salaries to officials in the Philippines. Our new possessions seem to be regular bonanzas—for the office-holders.

Monon (Kas.) Headlight: Ten million dollars was a big bait, but Mr. Carnegie and the other capitalists of the steel trust would consider it cheap for fifty years' protection from the United States government.

Stanton (Neb.) Register: The Boers of South Africa are not whipped yet and the chances are that England will be compelled to give up their attempt to conquer the brave defenders of liberty in the little South African republics.

English (Ind.) Democrat: We pay at the rate of about \$70,000,000 a year for the little more than \$5,000,000 a year of Philippine trade we get, while European nations pay nothing for the more than \$48,000,000 a year they get. These figures do their own talking.

Indianola (Ia.) Advocate-Tribune: It may be very convenient for the party in power to have the Philippines for a dumping ground for political incompetents for whom a place must be provided, but it is equally hard on this country and the colonial dumping ground.

Marshall (Mo.) Index: The republican newspapers are assuring us that according to the recent decision of the supreme courts, the Philippines are as much a part of the United States as Missouri or New York and that the citizens of that country are at liberty to come here at pleasure. This being true, the Filipino may be imported here at the pleasure of the rich corporations to do menial labor for starvation wages, and to further mongrelize the inhabitants of this country.

Memphis (Mo.) Democrat: The first insult to be thrust in the faces of the American people in the present session of congress will be an attempt to pass the subsidy bill. Here may be an opportunity for the democratic minority who believe in fair play to get in their work.

Langdon (N. D.) Courier-Democrat: No fine talk which General Chaffee or his superiors in either civil or military life may indulge themselves in will ever set us right with ourselves or with any other liberty-loving race in regard to our present policies in the Philippines.

Albion (Mich.) Mirror: The financial acumen of the republican party is remarkably well demonstrated by their handling of the Philippine problem. After the expenditure of \$20,000,000 purchase price and nearly \$100,000,000 to maintain a semblance of peace, they have succeeded in securing almost 10 per cent of the foreign trade of the islands.

Paola (Kas.) Times: Gage says the country needs a larger volume of money. To be furnished by the banks, of course. Would it not be wise to let these great and good institutions issue money just as they wish? It seems sad to hamper such splendid financiers as our own national bankers have proven themselves to be by even such slight restraint as is now put upon them.

Oskaloosa (Ia.) Times: The Philippines, under the republican regime of the present day are United States territory for purposes of looting only and foreign territory for purposes of taxation only. They are the legitimate prey of the republican carpet bag politicians on the one hand and the big trusts on the others. Jobs and robbery, robbers and jobbery!

Bellaire (O.) Democrat: Four men practically control the hide business in this country, and these four men put up a quarter of a million, it is said, for the republican campaign fund and in return were to get up a tariff on hides. They got it against the protest of shoe and leather men, and leather is to be advanced 20 per cent, yet trusts don't affect prices. The consumer pays for it all.

Lamoni (Ia.) Patriot: "Retire the greenbacks," say the bankers; "Keep the greenbacks," say the common people. "Let us issue what paper money you need," say the bankers; "We prefer to attend to our business, and issue what paper money we need, ourselves," say the common people. But with the aid of the gold standard-trust monopoly-conquest spirit to which the American people have for the time being given themselves up, the bankers are likely to have their way, unless the artillery of heaven awakes the people to a sense of their danger in giving up the rights of the many to be exercised by a small and deeply interested class.

Willows (Cal.) Journal: The situation in Manila is alarming: soldiers are being concentrated, gatling guns placed at every commanding position and the females housed in safe quarters. We evidently have about the same sized chew that Great Britain bit off, and we may resort to the reconcentrado plans of Weyler and Kitchener sooner than we anticipated, and it may end as was the case with the North American Indian.

Oceana (W. Va.) Tribune: Evidence is accumulating rapidly in support of the democratic contention that American government in the Philippines is even more extravagant than was the Spanish administration. Six American office-holders in Manila draw salaries that aggregate \$63,000, an average of \$10,500 apiece. It is not surprising that some of the unenlightened Filipinos regard American ownership as an expensive luxury.

Winona (Mo.) Democrat: President Roosevelt's remedy for trusts is "publicity." We wish some republican paper would explain how "publicity" will stop large and hurtful combinations of capital from absorbing the wealth created by the toiling masses. The fact that print paper and printer's supplies generally have greatly advanced by reason of a combination of manufacturers is generally known, yet these combines continue to rob us. Trust methods are known by the public, but as yet we have no hope of relief from their extortion.

Gunnison (Colo.) News: We are offered, then, one thousand years of ownership, expense and quarrel; one thousand years of opportunity for thieves and carpet baggers, against whom we must be perpetually on guard; one thousand years of tempting possibility for corporations to import these swarming millions of cheap laborers; one thousand years of criminal aggression and smothering of our Declaration of Independence—and all for what? That a republican mistake of yesterday may appear to be vindicated today; that a false theory of our duty to inferior races may be experimented with.

Madisonville (Ky.) Hustler: There was a great outpouring of people at Chicago last week to hear and applaud Bourke Cockran's eloquent appeal for the Boers in South Africa and several thousands of dollars were contributed to a fund for their relief. While this is all right, so far as it goes, yet a mass meeting in England might with propriety be held to appeal for the Filipinos, who are struggling for their liberties, along pretty much the same lines as are the Boers against England. The right thing for these two great English-speaking, liberty-loving nations to do is to be generous with these weak but heroic people, both in South Africa and the Philippines.

Benton Harbor (Mich.) Times: There may be a tariff reduction plank in the next democratic platform, but the millions of voters who supported the democratic ticket in '96 and 1900 will insist that the fundamental principles they fought for in those two campaigns still remain there.

Steamboat Springs (Colo.) Pilot: Secretary Gage says "the country needs a larger volume of money." Give us free coinage of silver, which would bring the price of an ounce of silver, either melted or coined, to \$1.29 instead of 58 cents, then we will have a larger volume. Bimetallism in its fullest term will give a sufficient volume of money to do the business of the country, without fear of a financial crash.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: The esteemed Crawfordsville Journal says that the democratic party has a genuine genius for opposition, destruction and disorganization. The Journal is right. The democratic party under Jefferson destroyed the old tory-federal aristocracy; under Jackson it destroyed the bank monopoly, and it will yet destroy the trusts that are fostered and fattened by the republican party.

Sumner (Wash.) Herald: Several great newspapers are still clamoring for the burning of the greenbacks. And we notice that the republican bigwigs are concocting a scheme to convert all outstanding silver from an asset into a debt by making it redeemable in gold. What does all this mean? Well, just let them try to enact a law embodying either one of these propositions, and the people shall soon be informed as to what it means. We betray no confidence in saying that when that effort is made, the money question is scheduled to rise uproariously from its supposititious slumber.

Albany (Mo.) Ledger: Down with the trusts is no longer the simple demand of the populists and discontented. The trust issue will not down. Within the last few months some of the great influential republican papers have seen the handwriting and are daily increasing their demands that the party in power shall not wait till it is too late in grappling the mighty giant by the throat. These papers have heard, not only the "wail," as they formerly called it, of the democratic press, but have also ascertained that the masses of the people, regardless of party, are tired of being overrun, robbed and insulted by the trusts, and will, if necessary, cut party ties to protect themselves and their posterity from the greedy trusts. They don't need to listen to the complaints of their neighbors, or to be told in political speeches of the progress these trusts are making to enslave labor and extort from the consumer. They learn it from practical experience.